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## SOUTH-EAST ASIA TO LOOM LARGE IN BIG THREE TALKS

Paris, Apr. 12.—South-East Asia and Indo-China would be among the first items on the agenda on which immediate policy decisions would be made at the Big Three (the United States, Britain and France) Foreign Ministers' talks in London next month, a French Foreign Office spokesman said tonight.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, would suggest a political and economic extension of the Atlantic Treaty when he meets the United States and British Foreign Ministers at these talks, the spokesman declared.

This suggestion, he said, would be "very carefully prepared."

It would urge Mr. Ernest Bevin and Mr. Dean Acheson to "consider how the defence of Western liberties could be reconciled with the maintenance of internal prosperity in the Western countries."

The spokesman added that the present military needs of the Western world "threaten the economy and finance of all the countries" and that "this problem can be tackled only at the international level."

"The military requirements of the Western world in 1950 threaten the economy and finance of all the countries," the spokesman said.

The spokesman refused to reveal what solutions Mr. Schuman would propose, but said that an Economic Committee within the Atlantic Treaty or an extension of the powers of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, or the furthering of the links between the OEEC and the Atlantic Treaty were all possibilities.

### The Lady In The Lake

Toulon, Apr. 12.—A body found in a packing case in a lake near here three days ago was today identified as a Spanish woman, *Redemption* Montane, who lived locally. She was a native of Turrell, De Llebreja, Catalonia.

Toulon police are searching for her French husband, a grocer, and his assistant. He closed his shop several days ago and has not been seen since.—Reuter.

### NOT SUITED TO TASK

London, Apr. 12.—British schoolmasters spending their Easter vacation in conference, decided today that they disliked sex instruction in the classroom. The annual conference of the National Association of Schoolmasters at the Lancashire coast town of Morecambe, registered the conviction "that education in sex is the natural and normal duty and responsibility of the parents and not to be delegated to the teacher."

The mover of the resolution said that the fundamental facts of life should be learned from parents. Spinster and young bachelors were not suited to the task.—Reuter.

### Italian Strike Clashes



A woman demonstrator struggling against arrest during the recent Communist-inspired clashes in Rome when one man was killed and scores injured.—(London Express Service).

## Hopes For Shanghai Evacuation By Sea Abandoned

Washington, Apr. 12.—The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, announced today that plans to remove 2,000 foreigners from Shanghai by sea had been abandoned.

Mr. Acheson blamed difficulties with the Chinese Communists. He told a news conference that efforts would be made to obtain Communist permission to move the refugees to a North China port or to Hong Kong.

For more than two months, the State Department has been pressing the Communists to approve arrangements for the departure of the foreigners from Shanghai. Among them are about 300 Americans and 450 British subjects.

Mr. Acheson outlined the efforts made by the State Department to get American citizens out of Shanghai and the difficulties encountered.

He said that at one time they had planned to use the *Anking*, a British vessel in Hong Kong, which had been alerted by the British authorities to assist in the evacuation operations.

"Since over 450 British subjects wished to evacuate in addition to the 300 Americans, and since the Chinese river steamer could accommodate only 450 per trip, it would have required two ferry trips to evacuate the British and American citizens," Mr. Acheson said.

### TOO LATE

"In addition, reports from Shanghai indicated that it would require two to five days to arrange Customs clearance and loading after final permission had been obtained for the ferry operations."

"This would have carried the evacuation operation almost one full week beyond the deadline set by the Nationalists even if permission had been granted at once by the Shanghai authorities," he said.

Mr. Acheson added that "it is now too late to carry through this plan, since any attempt to run through the mine fields would entail serious risks."—Reuter.

### Mrs Tyrone Power Arriving

Linda Christian (Mrs Tyrone Power) is arriving in Hongkong by PAL tomorrow and will be staying at the Peninsula Hotel.

## Big American Sweep To Solve The Baltic Mystery YELLOW OBJECTS: A RAFT

### Two Hundred Miles From Area In Soviet Clash Protest

Copenhagen, Apr. 12.—Search aircraft are sweeping the Baltic vigorously in an all-out attempt to discover traces of the missing Privateer patrol bomber, now suspected to have been shot down by Soviet fighters in the Latvia area.

### Malaya Squatting New Bid To Break Terrorism

Singapore, Apr. 12.—Highest priority is expected to be given by the Malayan Federal Council to a Government report calling for the immediate resettlement of 300,000 Chinese squatters to break terrorist activities, it was disclosed today.

The squatters were said to form lawless settlements in the jungles, providing food and shelter for Communist terrorists. They have refused to give information to the authorities for fear of reprisals.

The Government report stated that the terrorist problem would last as long as the squatter problem. Informal sources here today said that the squatter resettlement could not be completed in less than three to five years and it was unlikely that the state of emergency would be concluded before then.—Reuter.

### Not Yet Afraid Of Schnorkels

Ottawa, Apr. 12.—Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Fraser, British Chief of Naval Staff, said today he was "not" afraid of the Russian "super-high-speed" submarine, a present "although we think they will have them within five years."

The British naval chief, who is on a brief visit to the United States and Canada, said at a press conference that according to present information while Russia has about 200 under-sea craft "not more than four or five new of the Schnorkel type, capable of 10 knots while submerged."

"A Schnorkel type capable of 25 knots is a thing of the future — both for the Russians and ourselves," he added.

Anti-submarine weapons, he said, were keeping pace with submarine developments — particularly new developments in radar and Asdic (anti-submarine detector indicator).—Reuter.

## Rising Communist Activity Fighting Arms Aid: Naples Clash

Rome, Apr. 12.—Twelve hours after the first American arms sent to Italy under the Atlantic Pact arrived at Naples, 42 of Italy's top Communists gathered in Rome today to plan their summer campaign against American military and economic aid.

In Naples, 20 percent of the workers downed tools in an eight-hour general protest strike against the unloading of the arms.

In Rome, the Communist leader, Signor Palmiro Togliatti, who has just returned from a short visit to Naples, gathered round him the 42 members of the Communist Central Committee.

They deliberated at the Party's Headquarters in Via delle Polizie Oscure — the "Street of the Dark Shops." The agenda included a review of Italy's political and economic situation.

Priority was expected to be given to last night's unloading in Naples by non-Communist dockers of 310 tons American arms from the freighter *Exilona*.

An American plane late today sighted in the Baltic Sea an oil slick and four yellow "objects" which might have come from the unarmed United States plane which was fired on on Saturday by Soviet fighters and other search planes reported they had sighted another object which appeared to be a liferaft some distance from the oil slick.

A naval vessel reported at that 1715 GMT it had arrived in the area of the oil slick and had picked up several objects, including a yellow box similar to those used by fishermen for their tackle.

The oil slick was near Bornholm Island, where a fisherman reported he had heard explosions and seen "flashes" on Saturday night. It was about 200 miles from Libau, Latvia, the point at which the Russians claimed, a Russian fighter exchanged fire with an American bomber which "violated" Soviet territory on Saturday.

### SECOND RAFT?

What may be the second life raft from the missing United States Navy Privateer aircraft has also been sighted, a Danish Navy information officer said late on Wednesday.

The Danish spokesman said that an American C-54 rescue plane reported sighting the object believed to be a life-raft. It is located in an area north-east of Bornholm Island, at a considerable distance from the point where Captain Banta York and other searchers earlier sighted what, they said, appeared to be an overturned raft.

Sweden today joined Soviet Russia in complaining that United States planes had violated Baltic frontiers, but an Air Force spokesman in Wiesbaden said he did not know if the Russian protest specifically concerned the missing plane.

In Stockholm today, the Swedish General Staff complained that a United States military aircraft flew on Monday over the country's closely-guarded Baltic marine base of Karlskrona.

Two others were observed over Lysekil, just to the north, they added.

United States Air Force headquarters in Wiesbaden officially denied knowledge of the alleged incident on Saturday, when, according to the Russians, an American aircraft machine-gunned Soviet fighters over Latvia.

The Swedish Foreign Ministry has made clear to the United States Ambassador in Stockholm, Mr. Matthews, that American search planes must have permission to pass over Swedish territory as is already the case concerning the Swedish island of Gotland in the Baltic.

The Ministry has also reminded the American Embassy of the restrictions for certain fortifications areas.

The Defence Department is running its inquiry into Moscow's claim.

The inference was plain: The United States will take its good time and ascertain all facts as best it can before it answers Russia's protest.

The Presidential Press Secretary, Mr. Charles Ross, said he did not think Mr. Truman has been given an official report on the matter by the State and Defence departments. Asked if Mr. Truman would take a hand in drafting the United States reply to the Russian protest, Mr. Ross said, "Doubtless, he will be fully informed."

Defence Secretary Louis Johnson conferred with Mr. Truman this morning, but the plane incident was not discussed. No top-level conference on the matter is planned, at least for the time being.—United Press and Reuter.

### Copenhagen Red Threat

Copenhagen, Apr. 12.—Police were rushed to Kastrup Airport tonight following a Communist Party announcement that a demonstration would be held there against the American "occupation."

When the demonstration did not take place at the time advertised the police were withdrawn.

The police, however, are standing by for any emergency.—Reuter.

## Forty Die In Train Sabotage

Lucknow, Apr. 12.—Forty bodies had been recovered tonight and at least 75 people were known to have been injured in an express train crash near Bitrol Station, United Provinces, early today.

Preliminary investigation had revealed that some fish-plates and dog-spikes on the track had been removed, it was reported.

The train crashed near Bitrol Station on the Duddh-Tirhut railway about 120 miles north-west of Lucknow.

The engine and five bogies were reported to have fallen into a dry bed stream as the train passed over a small bridge.

Winners were helping in the rescue operations.

The fireman and another member of the crew were killed and the driver seriously injured.

A high railway official here this morning described the accident as "an act of sabotage."—Reuter.

### Azis Given Chance To Change Mind

Djakarta, Apr. 12.—A specially chartered Dakota will fly 650 miles from Djakarta to Macassar tomorrow in case the Indonesian rebel leader, Captain Abdul Aziz, has changed his mind about coming here to report to the Central Government.

If the plane returns empty, the next move will be up to the Central Government.

The former British paratrooper has ignored a Central Government ultimatum to leave Macassar, which his forces took over after a successful revolt a week ago.

A high-level defence conference was held here today to consider measures to be taken in the Macassar situation.

Two Indonesian Navy gunboats are on the way to Macassar Straits for "naval practice," it was officially announced today.—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

## Queries About Mount Davis

THE Government's attempt to cater, within reason, for hard cases, victims of the acute housing shortage in the Colony, by organising a number of squatter settlements, taking care of water and sewage problems, has met with almost general approval. Under prevailing conditions, with Hongkong grossly over-populated for reasons requiring no recapitulation, squatters may be regarded as an inevitable reflection of the times. Apart from other inducements, a series of disastrous fires has forced administrative attention to the problem, and for health reasons alone, obviously, it is better, when total prohibition is out of the question, for the Government to take definite measures ensuring strict control. In that direction, much has already been done. Some of the officially prepared schemes have proved highly successful. Many of the inmates are working regularly and are economically self-sufficient. Unfortunately, not all the hutment camps come into the satisfactory category. Either the site is not suitable judged by all relevant considerations or supervision is inadequate. There have been, for instance, many complaints and criticisms concerning the camp in the Mount Davis zone. Questions are asked, particularly, regarding the peculiar choice of site. How did the camp blossom forth in or vitally close to a military area? How was it that strenuous objections — or an absolute ban — did not come from the military authorities and prevent its development? Whether there is sound basis for disquiet, it is not easy dogmatically to say. But the causes are clear enough. Observers, and the camp is close to a European residential area, insist that the camp's ready access to the sea has been advantageously used. Night after night, sampans and junk

arrive offshore, with the assumption drawn that the purpose is to disembark passengers, in addition, possibly, to the selling of seafoods. In the absence of any official restriction on the free movement of Chinese to and from Hongkong, at least for the time being, this traffic would cause little comment normally, except that the camp is placed as it is, and, were trouble contemplated, it could be easy to strike from. For, it is plain, arise from thoughts of possible infiltration tactics, a well demonstrated technique. And it is a contingency which is not altogether to be disregarded. It may be agreed that observers are not fully informed of precautions automatically taken, if there are any, of what check is made of occupants and their occupations, of how is ascertained the meanderings of the boat-owners. But the query does arise, and with it a contention that the provision of a hutment camp on Mount Davis appears on all grounds to be out of step with realities. If the denizens are working in the Colony, it is a curiously out-of-the-way place to house them. If, on the other hand, they are squatting at the Government's expense, even on austere standards, why at Mount Davis? Why not on Lamma Island or Lantau with facilities designed to encourage farming or market gardening and lift from the taxpayer the burden of maintenance? The sole objection that assails has nothing to do with the practicability of the proposal. Hongkong today is seriously over-burdened by an excess of population. The more that is done to assist refugees, in the public knowledge, the greater the influx of indigents is likely to be. Nevertheless, the Mount Davis set-up is disturbing. A finding that the facts asserted correspond to the truth must compel investigation.





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## Real Patent Leather Is Back

GENUINE PATENT leather is back—a perfect foil for the huge white collars and cuffs that take the spring by storm. Shining black patent leather makes white look dazzlingly fresh and pure.

It gives emphasis to that other spring sensation—cheeks—and when patent leather goes to the feet it is not only high style but a very practical fashion. A black patent leather pump or sandal looks right with sheer and pastel, while most leathers appear too heavy for delicate materials and colours.

The gleam of patent leather is the favoured bright spot in the accessory picture. Nothing is quite so smart with the beloved black and white check suit and with immaculate white collars and cuffs. Nothing adapts itself so well to a variety of print and coloured costumes.

### Pastels Bloom

The more familiar black patent leather has now blossomed into pastels—luscious pinks and buttery yellows, interesting reds, good marine blues and a range of light browns. And they're genuine patent leather—an exception to the rule looking "white" patent leather that looked like a piece of old kitchen oil-cloth.

You'll even find coats, designed for rain or shine, of the new supple patent leather, with matching hat and umbrella.

### Camisole Top

Little boy linen shorts topped by a camisole of black embroidered batiste with thin shoestring shoulder straps of black patent leather are seen.

### Shining Success

By GRACE THORNCLEIFFE

IRIDESCENT green and navy taffeta with little woven dots adds up to a pretty piece of shimmering fabric. It is used for a smart little dress that goes in for a puffed blouse achieved through the medium of released tucks from the waist. The skirt has an inverted pleat in front and is straight in back. The removable skirt is of white silk faille.

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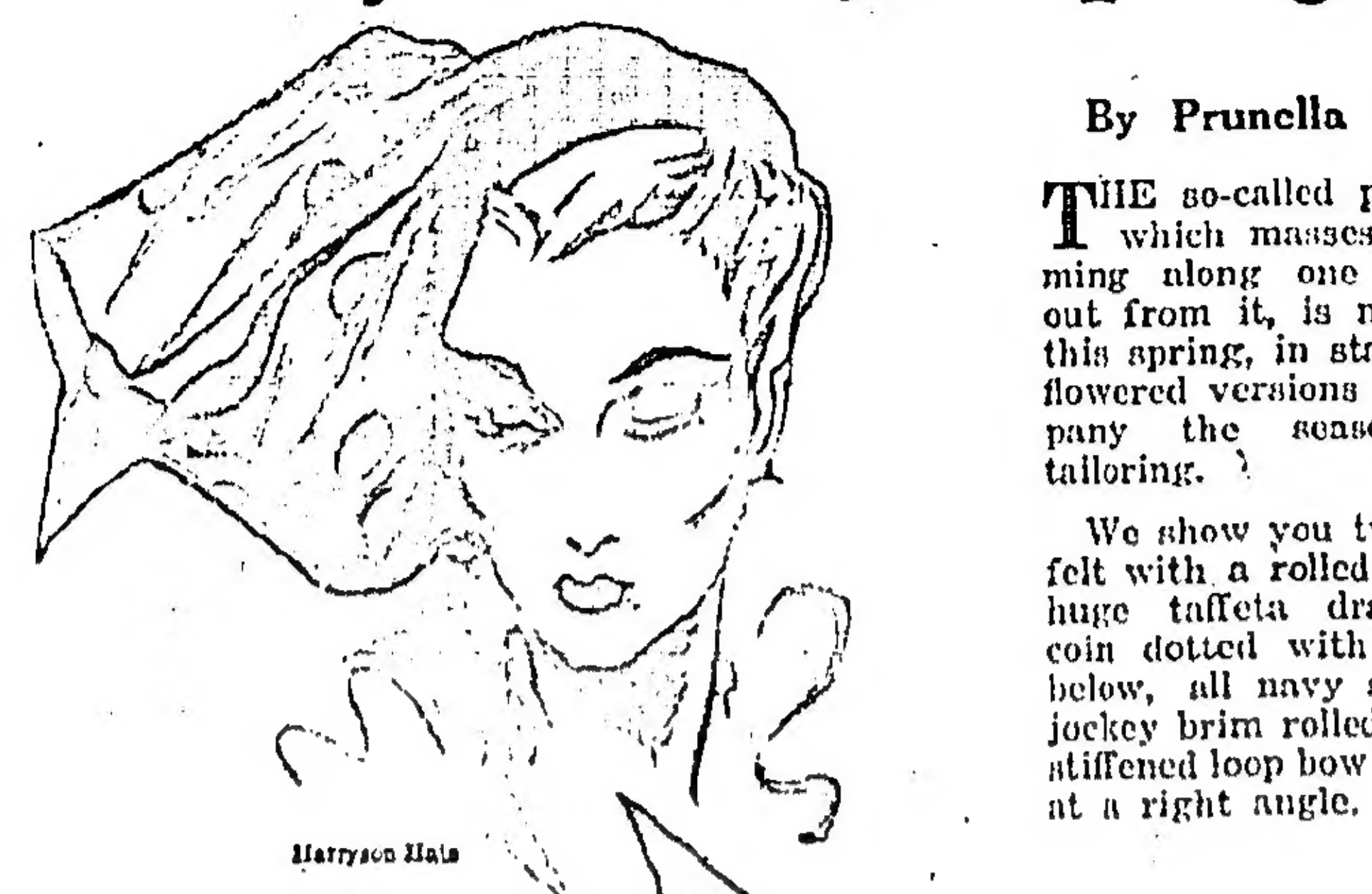
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## WOMANSENSE

### Profile Hats for Spring



By Prunella Wood

THE so-called profile hat which masses its trimming along one cheek or out from it, is much seen this spring, in stark or beflowered versions to accompany the season's soft tailoring.

We show you two: Left, felt with a rolled brim and huge taffeta draped loop coin dotted with the felt; below, all navy satin with jockey brim rolled back and stiffened loop bow set almost at a right angle.

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## CAUSES OF INFLAMED MOUTH

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

STOMATITIS merely means inflammation of the mouth and, since inflammation may be due to anything from the irritation of hot foods to the action of germs, treatment is of little avail until the cause is found.

Among the most frequent causes of stomatitis are injuries to the mouth's lining membrane or to the tongue from decayed teeth, tartar on the teeth, and improper care of the mouth.

The use of over-hot foods or liquids may also be responsible, or the condition may be brought on by the swallowing of chemical substances, such as strong acids or alkalis.

**Due To Teeth**

In those cases where the condition is due to the teeth, of course, the services of a dentist are required.

Where chemicals or hot foods are at fault, a soft, non-irritating diet should be employed. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are forbidden, and the patient is given a cleansing, soothing mouth wash, such as a mixture of boric acid and glycerine.

Sometimes inflammation of the mouth may follow the use of such drugs as mercury, bismuth and gold, employed in the treatment of various diseases. The inflammation of the mouth tends to clear up promptly after the drug producing the disturbance is stopped.

**Caused By Infection**

Stomatitis may also be caused by infection with germs, such as the streptococcus. In one form of this condition the infection may be a complication of pyorrhea. In another form, the infection first takes hold in the tonsils and throat, spreading to the roof of the mouth and to the lining membranes of the cheeks. The disorder may be accompanied by making a culture of the throat.

In this condition, also, careful treatment of the gums and teeth by a dentist is important to clear out hidden nests or pockets of germs.

Penicillin, applied locally in the form of a spray or by injection into a muscle, may help clear up this type of infection.

Trench mouth is another cause of stomatitis. This disorder, as a rule, may be cleared up rapidly by the injection of penicillin into a muscle.

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## Solving A School Problem:

### One Way Out Of Fraction Difficulty

TO many a child common fractions are only figures, one above the other with a line between, which are to be manipulated according to many rules that have little or no sense for him. He sees no good reason why when you add two-thirds and three-fourths you should not get five-sevenths. If, however, he is good at following rules he might do all sorts of exploits with fractions without knowing what it's all about or even what a single fraction means.

But such confusion or manipulation of empty symbols and numbers cannot happen to the child who has arrived naturally at the meaning of common fractions. As one-half, one-fourth, two-thirds and the like through measuring and making things from paper, cardboard or wood for fun, weighing and measuring simple recipes.

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## Arms Require Beauty Care



Give special attention to arms when you wear formal dress. For a smooth finish, apply a little foundation lotion; follow with face powder.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IF a woman has pretty arms, it is a safe bet that she will move them beautifully. She won't let them dangle straight down when sitting, neither will she have upper and lower arms at an angle.

Over-developed arms should be draped when the evening gown is worn, and the skin among us should do likewise. Lucky is the girl whose arms are well proportioned, of graceful contour. But even she may have need of improvement in the way of keeping the skin surface in condition. Goose flesh is a common curse.

To overcome this trouble, the arms should be given a thorough massage treatment once a week. Bathe them with a bland soap and warm water; use a heavily-bristled brush vigorously to hustle up circulation. Wrap out a good sized bath towel, wrap it around the arms to make the flesh glow. Dry briskly.

Now apply a heavy emollient. Or, if you would keep the beauty budget down, use coconut butter, which is soothing and an excellent medium for massage. Start the treatment at the finger tips, rubbing the cream into the cuticle surrounding the nails. Work upward to the shoulders with up and down strokes. Forming a bracelet with fingers and thumbs of the right hand, press deeply into the left arm.

Give extra special attention to the elbows that seem always in need of cosmetic help as the flesh is thicker and coarser there, particularly subject to freckles. Keep on thumbing until the lubricant has almost disappeared.

Sprinkle on talcum powder, forming a pack. Slap and pat. This treatment should be given at bedtime, so the flesh can lap up the coconut butter later.

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## Dana Andrews Tears Down A Wall To Make Room For His Son's Talent

By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood. Dana Andrews is reluctantly ready to tear down his house to make room for his son's talents.

Young David Andrews needs a pipe organ. It doesn't matter, to David, how many walls have got to go.

"It took me three men backing me for three years while I studied dramatics before I made the grade in pictures," Andrews said. "So I think the least I can do is back my own son in his ambition, even if we're backed out of our home."

It started when David, who had been taking piano lessons, ran across an electric organ at the Webb School for Boys. Just when his interest was roused Charles Skouras donated a genuine theatre pipe organ to the school.

Someday . . .

Skouras, whose son is also a student, is a 20th Century-Fox executive and the boss of Andrews senior, who is starring in 20th's "Where the Sidewalk Ends."

David switched from piano to pipe organ practice and now his teacher says he may some day be a concert organist.

"I hope he's right about just one wall being knocked out," Pop Andrews said, "or else our budget will be knocked out," United Press.

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## Common Fractions

The child should not have to wait until he begins to take up common fractions at school. He can and should have such experiences as we have named, years earlier. Before he enters school he may often hear or use (with meaning) the words half and quarter.

In the modern primary grades the child is encouraged to colour, draw and make things with his hands for fun. He estimates sizes and distances but rarely measures. He seldom or never uses a ruler, the theory being that his creativeness might thereby be hampered. Something may be said in defence of this theory though a bit of measuring during the second or third grade might do him no harm. He would find it interesting.

**Fun at Home**

It could be profitable fun at home. With you or with a schoolmate, your child 7, 8 or 11 could have useful amusement with a ruler at guessing short distances and dimensions and then measuring with a ruler to see how well they had

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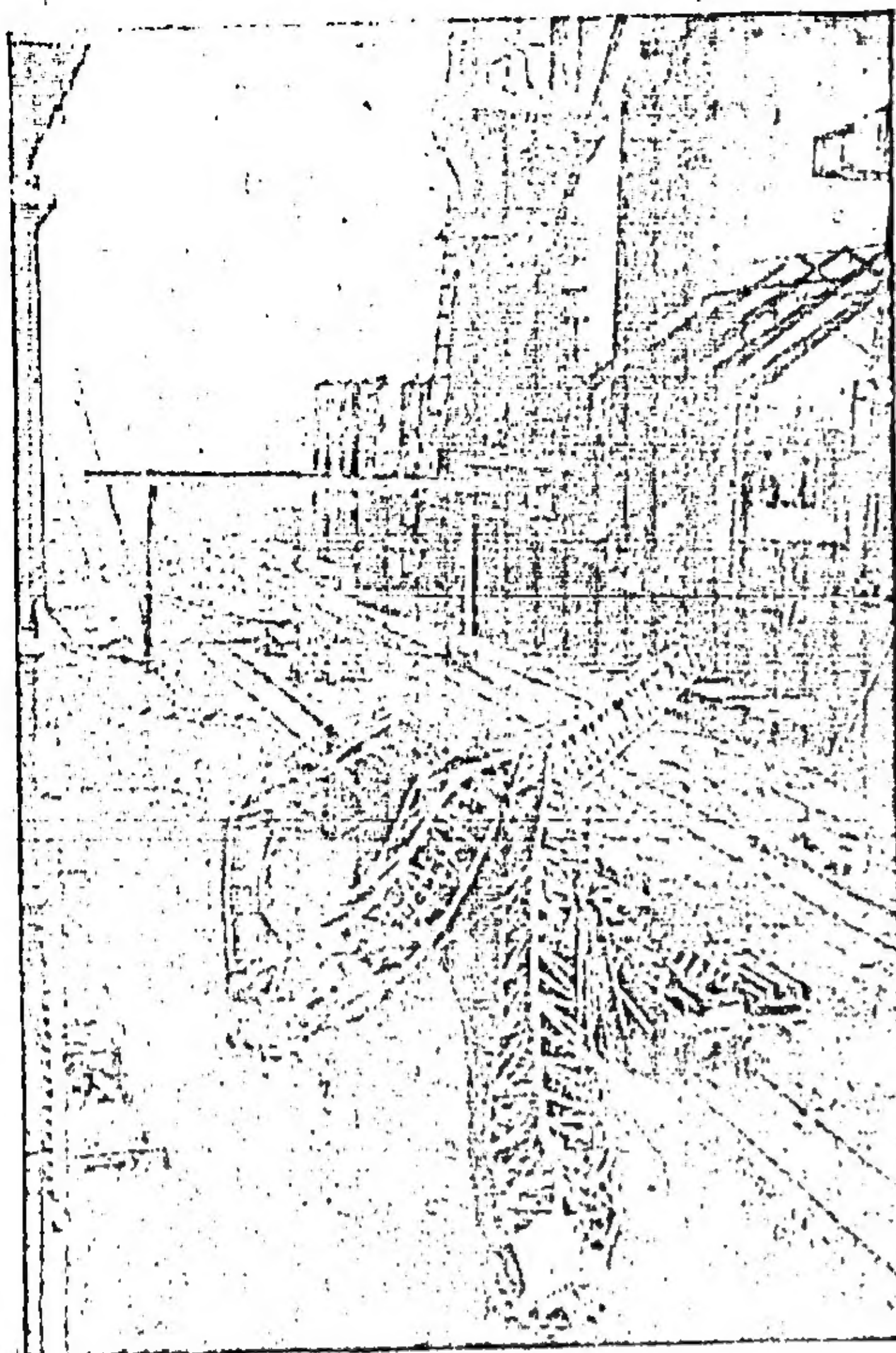
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## There's The Detachable Top Petticoat



## WRECKING THE PLACE



THIS is the 180-foot derrier which was turned over by German workers to protest against dismantling of the blast furnace, centre right, at Salzgitter, in the British Zone. The derrier crashed across some goods cars loaded with reparations material bound for Yugoslavia. British troops moved into the plant following the disturbances by workers. (Acme)

## THE RSM BECOMES A FILM STAR

By Peter Lovegrove

The loudest voice in the British Army, whose stentorian "Get Your Hair Cut!" and ominous "Never Seen ANY-thing Like It In ALL MY LIFE" have caused thousands of hardened soldiers to blench and quake on the barrack square, is going round the world—on a film sound-track.

It belongs to Regimental Sergeant-Major Ronald Brittain, Coldstream Guards, the present RSM of the Mons Officer Cadet Unit, Aldershot. Brittain plays the RSM of the Guards Depot of Caterham in the new British film, "They Were Not Divided," a part which he filled in real life a few years before World War Two.

This film depicts the activities of a Welsh Guards battalion in the Guards Armoured Division from just after Dunkirk through the D-Day landings, the bitter slogging in Normandy, the chase across Northwestern Europe to Arnhem and von Rundstedt's all-out counter-offensive at Christmas, 1944.

The military scenes are handled with accuracy and not a little humour. As long as it deals

with the iron discipline and training that go into the making of a Guardsman at Caterham, and portrays the "Foreign Legion" on the march and in battle in their Shermans, this production bears favourable comparison with the American "Battleground" which appeared a few weeks ago, and set such a high standard.

The Depot scenes ring true to life, and their effect on the outsider is heightened by the presence of an American volunteer, who is understandably bewildered when told "You're not in the Army now; you're in the Guards," and that "this world is divided into two parts: England and the colonies."

## CLASS OF ITS OWN

And it reaches a class of its own when, after years of spit and polish and frustration without being committed to action, the tank crews drive off the LCT's on to a Normandy beach, and the long training suddenly becomes a grim reality. Cren, Falaise, Tilly-sur-Seulle, Caumont, the Beny Bocage, the Bailey bridges over the River Seine, that tremendous 150 km. march to the Belgian capital, the mud and the rain outside Nijmegen, and the 98's in the snow of the Ardennes, come back to life again with a fascinating realism.

The entry into Brussels is particularly effectively handled. The first Sherman, clattering over the cobblestones of the suburbs and almost deserted pavements and shattered houses. A civilian who is asked the way to the Gare du Nord takes them for Panzer troops and sullenly answers that he does not know. Another behaves just as warily. Then realisation that "les Anglais" have arrived dawns on them; they cry out their joy and jump on the tanks to welcome the crews. The windows fly open, people pour out of the houses, and in the space of seconds bedlam breaks loose and the tanks are submerged by wildly cheering crowds.

## MOVING MOMENT

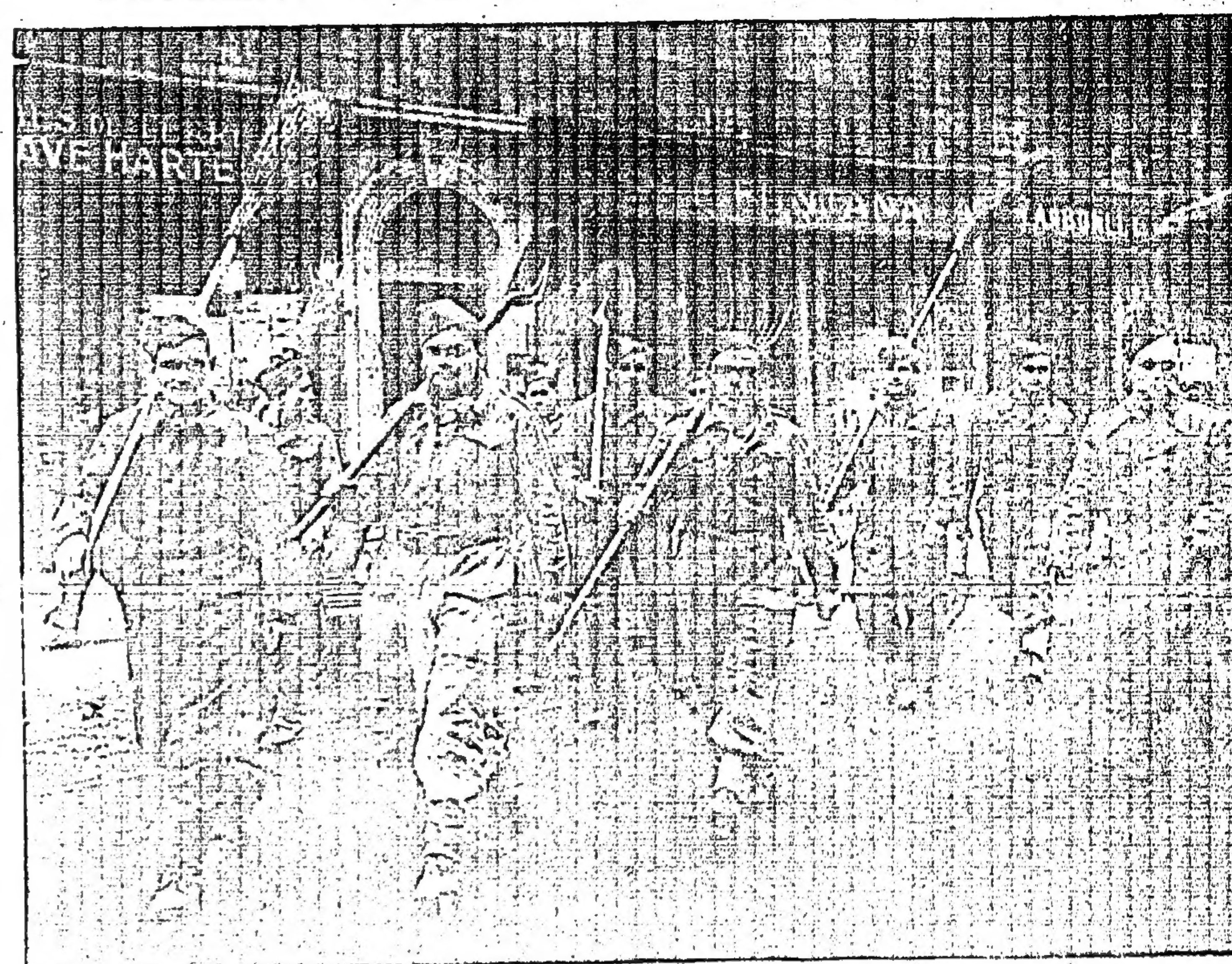
It is a strangely moving moment which has the authentic ring about it. This is not surprising, since the man responsible for "They Were Not Divided" did go through the campaign and the war in Brussels on that great day. He is Terence Young, an ex-Irish Guards officer, who wrote the story while he was recovering from wounds, and then talked the Two Cities company into accepting it, and letting him direct the production, much of which was shot in Germany last year. The film, by the way, only cost £140,000.

Young has not been quite so happy with the romance which he has woven round the training and battle scenes. His sentimental episodes remain completely conventional, and their rather novelistic dialogue contrasts sharply with the naturalness of the rest of the film.

There are no big names in the cast, but it seems pretty certain that several of the very competent actors—all ex-Servicemen or serving soldiers—who help to make "They Were Not Divided" such a success will become recognised stars in the not too distant future.

(London Express Service)

## DIFFERENT TYPE OF MOPPING-UP OPERATION



THESE FRENCH soldiers are getting ready for some extra duty in the streets of Paris, following issuance of an order to them to keep the streets clean. Because employees of the city's cleaning system were on strike, the Army has been given different sort of "mopping up" operation. (Acme).

## Seven In Every 100 Jobless In America

By Frederick Cook

## No-name Eight Planned Get-away Over Coffee

By CHARLES WIGHTON

Eight wartime R.A.F. Czech airmen, led by a blond D.F.C. ex-squadron-leader, sat round a table in Munich and planned the next moves in a fight against their country's Red terror.

The eight British-decorated "nameless" men, who manned the three passenger-filled Czech airliners which dashed through the Iron Curtain, are thought to be key figures in the anti-Communist underground.

They may have been selected to leave Czechoslovakia for a still undisclosed purpose—perhaps to plan an underground escape railway.

Said a drawn-faced ex-squadron-leader, who was the commander in last month's biggest-ever Czech break-out: "Communist oppression grows worse every day. All Czechoslovakia goes in fear of the terror."

## WILL NOT TELL

"Religious persecution is starting. Until we crossed the German border we never knew the hour we would be arrested."

The squadron-leader smiled as he talked of his pretty young wife and six-month-old baby, who escaped with him. Six other ex-R.A.F. men brought their wives.

The fugitives refused to tell who are the 10 other Czechs, including a woman and a boy, who were in the escape bid from the start.

How was the dash planned? "Three of us just thought about it as we sat drinking coffee in a Prague airport restaurant the previous forenoon," said the squadron-leader. "Less than 24 hours later we landed at Munich."

He laughed when he was asked how it was possible for seven families and a bachelor to make arrangements to leave at short notice.

He told of an intimidation campaign to which all former R.A.F. officers in Czechoslovakia have been subjected for months. "Communist pilots of the Czech airlines and officials bothered us with what we had done in the British Air Force. They scoffed at our British decorations."

"Some British wartime pilots have been sacked."

"I had to suffer a great deal of contempt and victimization for this," added the squadron-leader, pointing to his D.F.C. awarded for sinking a German transport in the North Sea. "All of us are proud of our British honours."

"We Czechs of the R.A.F. will give a good account of ourselves."

(London Express Service)

New York. Seven workers in every 100 in the United States are out of work. Eight States—Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Utah—have hit "depression level" with 20 to 30 percent jobless.

Congress is preparing a full-scale investigation. Total figure of unemployed fell by 500,000 last month, but still exceeds 4,100,000.

Away from the economic stormclouds, this is what is happening in America today:

**BOOKS.**—Dr Immanuel Velikovsky (Worlds in Collision) maintains that the Bible spoke literal truth when it said "the sun stood still" and the Red Sea dried up to let the Israelites through.

The Velikovsky theory: It all happened when Venus ran amok.

Official attitude of the astronomers: "Nonsense!"

Velikovsky replies tartly: "These men are still living in the 17th century."

**BUTTONED SHOES.**

**FOR MEN.**—Edwardian buttoned shoes are back. Golfers are wearing trousers with snap-fastener turnups to lift them out of the mud.

**WOMEN.** are fascinated by a new bath mat made of paper. Use it a couple of times, throw it away. No more laundry

problems. Cost: three for seven shillings.

**TRAVELLERS** are offered electric irons, razors, percolators and clocks to run anywhere in the world, on any sort of current, without adapter.

**MARRIAGE.**—In Rhode Island, 24-year-old William Baker is to wed 62-year-old twice married Alfretha Jencks.

**DIVORCE.**—At Miami, Florida, John Ambicki said that on their wedding night he found his bride's dog in bed with them.

**HELP FOR INDIANS.**

**ARROW** is helping Red Indians, following reports that many are starving on reservations.

**ARROW** stands for American Restitution and Righting of Old Wrongs. President, Will Rogers, son of the comedian.

**DUST-STORMS** in the West are again blowing whole fields away.

People fear the dread "Dust Bowl" years of the early '30s are on their way back.

(London Express Service)

## MRS KAYE WRITES SONGS FOR HER HUSBAND DANNY

Important woman arrived in England last week: Mrs Danny Kaye, 31-year-old wife of the comedian. She is dark-haired. Her name is Sylvia. She married Danny 10 years ago.

Sylvia Kaye looks small beside her husband. She is only 5ft. 1½in. but she has a slim figure, well proportioned to her height.

She is modest about her success, although she writes songs for Danny. Best known of these: Stanislavsky, Pavlov, Melody in Four Fs.

Her thick hair looked crisp, Mrs Kaye designed the style herself. At the back she has several deep rows of curls and soft waves at the front. "At its best, my hairline should curve to give a saucer effect," she explains.

How does she think of Danny's songs?

Sometimes they just come to me—sometimes I have to work hard at them.

"Melody in Four Fs took me only half an hour, but I've had

never seems to practice," says Mrs Kaye.

From her red-lined leather beauty box Mrs Kaye took a small gold case. It opened with an automatic shutter, revealed a lipstick brush. "It only cost a dollar, but I like it better than any others," says Mrs Kaye.

With the brush she takes lipstick and rouge from an ordinary case. Also in her make-up box a revolving mirror on a stand of bubbly glass.



Mr. and Mrs. Danny Kaye with Rex Harrison pictured at Southampton

to work for eight weeks at some of the others."

Is it a question of inspiration or mood? "No, sometimes I go into a depression and then I produce a song—just like that."

Sylvia and Danny often squabble over their songs in the early stages, argue fiercely about timing, expression, and the speed of singing. "Sometimes Danny stands hours learning a new song, but often he

Then Mrs Kaye spoke about their only child, Dena, aged three and a half. "She has a remarkable resemblance to both Danny and myself," she told me. "She has blonde hair and blue eyes."

She never wears a hat. "I haven't possessed one since I left school," says Mrs Kaye.

Mrs Kaye and Danny hope to stay in Europe for a two months' holiday.

(London Express Service)

## Iron Curtain buyers will be at BIF

Russian buyers are among those from behind the Iron Curtain expected to attend this year's British Industries Fair being held in London and Birmingham from May 8 to 19.

Others are coming from Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Hungary and Poland.

They will join the thousands arriving from all parts of the world. Buyers from Hongkong and Singapore are leaving soon.

The latest exhibit at the Fair—an 80ft. high pile-driver with sliding leaders and a six-ton single-acting hammer, worked by steam—is being moved into position shortly at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham.

## STONE CRUSHER

Other "heavies" are a stone crusher of 40 tons and a road-making "factory" 30ft. long and 27ft. wide.

A 15-ton mixing machine for the artificial silk industry has already arrived.

These are included in the 1,000 tons of engineering exhibits to be shown. They are being currently exported to 70 countries.

Site preparations for the London sections of the Fair—which is being held at Olympia and Earls Court—have begun.

## K. D. CANNON . . . . . The Middle of the Red Domino

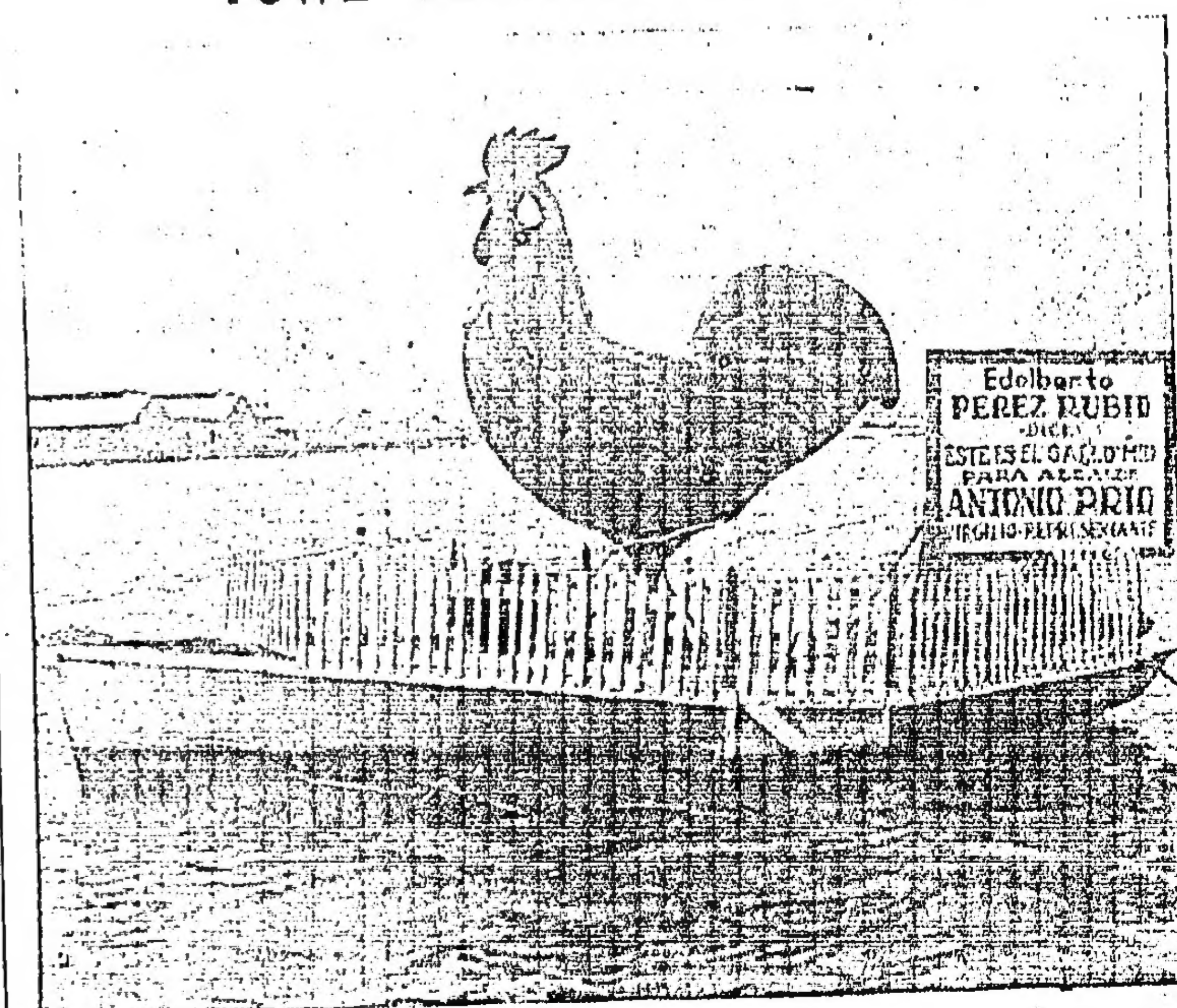


## Wedding Dresses For Airwomen

Two wedding dresses have been obtained by the Far East Air Force for the use of airwomen who may marry during their tour of duty in the Command.

The two dresses are of different design. In white figured satin, complete with veil and coronet wreath of orange blossoms. A fee of \$5 to cover the cost of cleaning, is charged for the loan of these wedding outfits.

## FOWL POLITICS IN CUBA



ANTONIO PRIO, brother of the President of Cuba, and a candidate for the mayoralty of Havana, has this odd political sign anchored in the harbour. The sign plays recorded music, and announces political slogans for him. (Acme)



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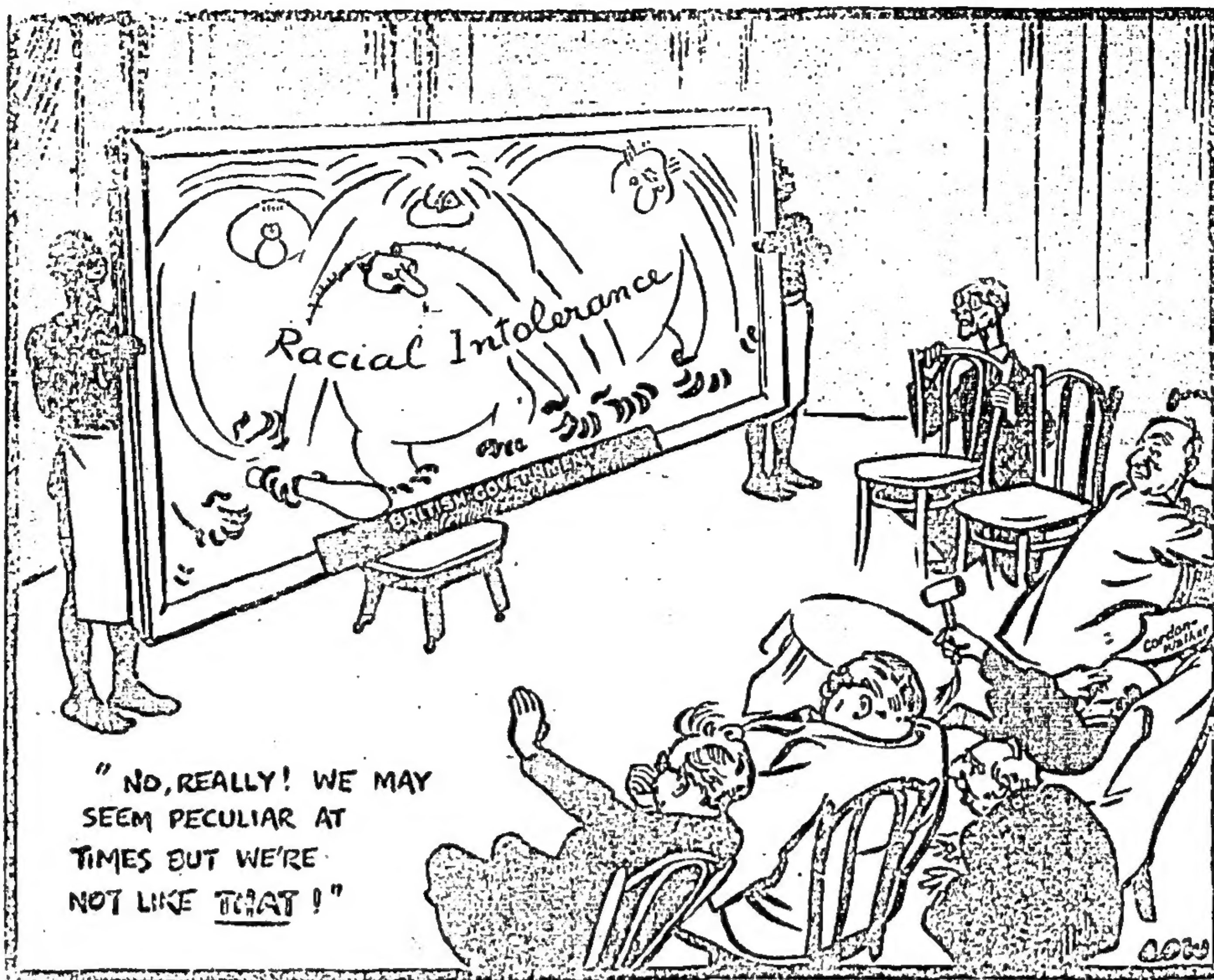
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AN ENTRY FOR THE POLITICAL ACADEMY

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poses a question:  
**HOW FAR IS THE FAR EAST...**

## The clue in that Kremlin banquet

WHAT a good thing it is that coffee is not rationed in Britain. For there is no more soporific job than reading Russian newspapers and monitoring reports of the Soviet radio.

If they had not had plenty of coffee to keep them awake and lively, the backroom boys who comb through both for portents of Soviet intentions might easily have missed a certain Kremlin "court circular." It was the one (it has just reached London) which followed the banquet given by Stalin for the Chinese Communist boss Mao Tse-tung, in honour of the signing of the new Soviet-Chinese alliance.

More easily still might have been missed the highly significant tit-bits the circular contained about the Ambassador and the Deputy Commissar.

Painstakingly and dutifully our backroom boys scanned the list of guests in the Kremlin communiqué.

There, lo and behold, they found that the Deputy Commissar of the Manchurian Regional Administration had been given precedence over Mao Tse-tung's Ambassador in Moscow.

Deliberate it must have been. For in matters of precedence the Kremlin egalitarians are sticklers for the strictest protocol. In the art of separating the V.I.P. from the V.I.P. in-

deed they beat even the Lords of Louis XIV's bed-chamber.

By giving priority over the accredited Ambassador to a man who is (1) only the official of a provincial authority allegedly subordinate to the Chinese Central Government, and (2) not even the head of that authority but its deputy head, the Russians were undoubtedly staging a minor, but none the less very important, political demonstration.

I believe that in this incident we have a vital clue to the new Soviet policy in the Far East, hitherto kept so secret as the secret clauses of Stalin's treaty with Mao Tse-tung. It is good that we should know what it is. For although that policy aims immediately at the men and women of Moscow, Peking, and Harbin, its effects will be felt equally in Manchester, Peckham, and Huddersfield.

### Russian snub

AS I see it, this Russian snub to the Chinese Ambassador means two things:

1. Far from keeping their promises and handing back Manchuria to the Chinese, now that China has a pro-Soviet Government, the Russians are determined to hang on to it. They are accordingly treating Manchuria not as a part of China but like the Japanese before them—as an independent puppet State. Its highest dignitaries, therefore, outrank the ambassadors of other States in Moscow.

2. Stalin has given the highest priority to the military preparation—defensive and offensive—now being made by the Russians in Eastern Siberia, where the Soviet Union, to all intents, borders on the United States and Canada.

He has put the exigencies of preparing for a possible Arctic war with the Americans above the political need to save the face of the Chinese Communists, and avoid the risk of their being provoked into a Titoist rebellion.

Above all, he has put Russia's military preparedness in Siberia ahead of the clandestine war against the British in Malaya, the French in Indo-China, and Western trading interests generally throughout Southeast Asia.

### He'll risk all

FOR this clandestine war is being waged under the direction of Chinese Communists. It is being supplied from China and financed by Chinese. If China went Titoist, that war would almost certainly peter out, just as did Marshal Tito's guerrilla campaign in Greece.

Stalin is prepared to risk all this in order to hold on to Manchuria. His experts have told him that Manchuria is essential to Russia's military plans in Siberia, because it is the only practical source of food supplies for the armies of workers and soldiers now encamped in Siberia.

Clearly this brush between the Ambassador and the Deputy Commissar, and the whole situation it reveals, presents an opportunity which our diplomats and political warriors could exploit.

From what I saw and heard, however, during my recent trip across Southeast Asia, I believe the risk which Stalin is taking is a fairly safe one.

On the evidence I was given he has every reason to consider Mao Tse-tung as safely in the Russian pocket for the next five years at least.

Famine is sweeping China and with it pestilence. Banditry, which always accompanies famine in China, and usually follows in the wake of a war, is once more raising its head.

The new Communist Government is already finding considerable difficulty in asserting its authority in the newly conquered territory. It has had to appeal to Russia for more help.

### And in Formosa—

IN addition to Soviet staff officers, political and administrative advisers, it has now had to summon Russian troops.

Soviet military units, mostly anti-aircraft troops equipped with German-made anti-aircraft guns, have—so I was told by a Chinese just come from there—

now made their appearance in Nanking and Shanghai.

The American-sponsored Government of Mao Tse-tung's antagonist Chiang Kai-shek is proving itself as corrupt, incapable, and unpopular in its last-ditch refuge on the island of Formosa as ever it did on the mainland of China.

Vast cases of American machinery supplied under aid plans, I was told, can be seen lying broken open, rusting, and rotting on the wharves of Keelung.

The ruthless oppression of the native population by Chiang's army and Chiang's politicians has created another pro-Communist fifth column longing for liberation by the Chinese Reds.

### No nursing...

THROUGHOUT South-east Asia the alliance between Communism and the anti-Westernism of Western-educated Asiatics hungry for power has produced a revolutionary situation which requires no nursing from Moscow.

On top of all this comes: (a) The continued concentration of the Western world on the European front in the mistaken notion that the Far East is still far away!

(b) On top of that the dangerously conflicting policies of the Western Powers in the Far Eastern theatre.

All these are factors which must encourage Stalin and his Politburo advisers. They are safe to build up their military position in Siberia and Manchuria and risk the political consequences.

—(London Express Service)

## A MAN WITH Four Million Pounds A Year

By JOHN PREBBLE

A NEW man-with-the-biggest income in the world comes into the news.

His annual income is probably larger than any man's has ever been. It is just short of £4,000,000 a year: roughly £280,000 a month, £70,000 a week, or £16s. for every minute of every day.

And it is free of all taxation except what he cares to impose upon himself.

This new Croesus is Sheikh Sir Ahmad al-Jabir as-Subah, KCSI, of Kuwait. He rules 100,000 subjects in 2,000 square miles of sand and oases at the tip of the Persian Gulf.

And, as with other of the world's richest men, his income is incomprehensible fortune flows from oil.

Reports just published give the first definite indication of the sheikh's wealth. Oil gushes from his country at the rate of 1,120,439 tons a month.

On a royalty basis this means 5s. a ton for Sir Ahmad, £3,360,000 a year, paid in Indian rupees. And almost every month the gush flows more strongly, taking him up to the £4,000,000 line.

### Its only city is walled in

THE sheikh is an erect, dignified man of 65, with a short, grizzled beard resting on a double chin.

Genial crow's-feet eyes crease the corners of dark eyes looking out from beneath a gauzy-patterned head-dress. He is a devoted subject of his country and keeps a political agent there.

Its only city, the seaport of El Kuwait, is a typical Arab town, surrounded on three sides by a wall 15ft. thick and on the fourth by the sea.

Before oil was found Kuwait had remained unchanged for centuries, writing its history slowly in pearls and poverty, in the breeding of fine horses, the building of the town's teak domes which once brought its only water supply.

This water came in goat-skins from 50 miles down the coast and was sold at a rupee a skin.

### Oil has brought them luxuries

NOW oil has changed all that. It has brought luxury cars and radiograms, chromium plate and fluorescent lighting.

It has paid for diesel tankers which bring in 100,000 gallons of water a day.

It has cleared and straightened the narrow main street of El Kuwait. Where once meandered the dark men of the desert, herding their goats now garbed in white-jacketed Arab traffic policemen beneath shabby umbrellas. Soon oil will pave the streets and shut out the sand that has

drifted through the town for ages.

The fantastically rich sheikh has opened a fine modern hospital with 150 beds under a British medical officer. There is a handsome two-story department of education and many primary schools.

Education is free, but not compulsory. Brighter boys are sent on to Cairo for further education.

Sir Ahmad is also planning a £1,000,000 distillation plant which will give Kuwait its own water and may even roll back the centuries to the years of Abraham when the desert was green.

### But the women are still veiled

WHILE the richer Kuwaitis are becoming Westernised the sheikh still disapproves of Western dress. The women are veiled.

The sheikh himself lives in a gleaming white palace which, except for the introduction of air-conditioning and a telephone, has remained unchanged by his wealth.

There, in two large state-rooms, he meets visitors and holds court.

He is an absolute ruler, controlled by custom, not constitution. But he has an advisory Cabinet.

A cautious man, he looks on his new wealth with some scepticism, believing that what Allah has given Allah may as readily take away.

But he made some concessions to the Western fever which has flushed the face of his country.

He has a motor yacht, a rifle, and he occasionally attends the horse races organised by employees of the oil company.

But he himself owns no horses.

### Fair in all his dealings

HE has, naturally, become the target of those who would help him exploit his money.

On his one visit to Britain 10 years ago, he met the King, bought a radio, and went to the dentist.

Recently a group of speculators tried to interest him in starting a string of racecourses. They showed him a film of the Derby. He watched, politely, but at the end expressed an interest only in the peculiar gesticulations of the jockeys.

His family life is traditional. In accordance with custom, he has more than one wife, and many children.

"I have a high regard for Sheikh Sir Ahmad," said a British official recently, upon his return from El Kuwait.

"He is fair in all his dealings, and has not let his immense wealth go to his head. He is proud that his country is now rich, and considering the short time he has had the money he has done a lot for his people."

—(London Express Service)

## The Judges Scratched Their Heads

IS it a crime to marry your own mother-in-law? Most people, and in particular the hen-pecked husbands, would say immediately that a man wanting to marry his mother-in-law is mad and should be shot.

But it has actually happened. Mahmoud Abdel Ghaffar comes from Sakara. He married Sadiya, a young virgin just turned 16.

The court report, as appearing in Akher Laba, a Cairo weekly magazine, said there were no marital relations between husband and wife. He soon divorced her and married his mother-in-law.

The authorities heard of it and the blissful second marriage was charged as unlawful and proceedings were started against Mahmoud.

In vain did the first wife say she was glad her husband married her mother. In vain the pleas of the second wife that she did not realise it was criminal to marry her former son-in-law.

The authorities read out laws Press.

which said the procedure was criminal. However, Mahmoud had asked a lawyer to defend him. The lawyer produced the bombshell. He read out pronouncements by Al Korbaby, who compiled a set of Koranic laws, and laws from the Moslem legislation written by Mohammed Ben Al Hun Al Ashabani Al Khrassy in his volume on Shari'ah laws (Moslem legislation). They showed that this act was no criminal offence but quite legal.

### By SAM SOUKI

The lawyer concluded: "If this point is one of dispute between the erudites, will our consciences permit us to condemn an ignorant peasant who cannot even sign his own name?"

The judges scratched their heads, and decided to investigate the matter further. — United Press.

### NANCY

Frank Suggestion



By Ernie Bushmiller

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# REPARATIONS: RUSSIA ACCUSES ITALY

## ATONEMENT THROUGH COMMUNISM

Tokyo, Apr. 12.—The son of a former criminal, who was executed with Hideki Tojo, said today he joined the Communist Party because he wanted to "atone for crimes committed by my father."

Tadashi Itagaki, who made the statement before the House of Representatives committee, is the eldest son of former General Seishiro Itagaki, who was convicted of planning the "rape of Manchuria."

A former army lieutenant who returned from a Siberian prison camp this year, the younger Itagaki had been summoned to testify in hearings on the Communist Party boss, Kiyochi Tokuda, and his alleged interference with the repatriation of non-Communist prisoners.

He said he cried hot tears when informed in Siberia of his father's execution. He described the experience as a "spiritual rebirth."

When he returned to Japan he joined the Communist Party. Itagaki said the tyrannical actions of Japanese army officers in Siberian prison camps helped the development of the Communist movement among prisoners.—United Press.

## Rivals For Trieste

### Big Three To Discuss Future

London, Apr. 12.—Britain, France and the United States are discussing the future of Trieste, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

Usually well-informed quarters here believe that plans to warn Marshal Tito to abstain any attempt to annex Trieste following next Sunday's elections in the Yugoslav-occupied zone of Trieste have been dropped.

The Western powers are apparently not convinced, following a visit made last week by Marshal Tito to a special correspondent of the London Times and other indications from Belgrade, that any coup is intended.

Their discussions were thought to be centring on the question of whether any negotiated settlement is possible between Italy and Yugoslavia.

The hostile reception by the Yugoslav press of the recent speech made by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, in Milan, was not considered by observers here to indicate much basis for negotiations.—Reuter.

## Peking Offers Compensation

London, Apr. 12.—The Foreign Office said today that the Peking government had indicated its readiness to pay compensation for taking over the compound of the British Legation in Peking.

Officials said the Chinese Communist authorities had given the British charge d'affaires advance notice of their intention of occupying the compound on April 11.—United Press.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"All the young girls are silly, Mom—I wish I could find one as sensible as you, but I guess I'll have to wait till they're old ladies!"

## Balkan assets "deliberately delayed"

London, Apr. 12.—Russia has handed the Italian Ambassador in Moscow a note alleging violations of the Italian peace treaty, particularly regarding reparations, a Tass message from Moscow disclosed today.

The note alleged that the reparations due to Russia under the treaty had not been paid. It recalled the article of the treaty stipulating that reparations had to be paid by transferring Italian property in Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary to the Soviet Union.

The Soviet note accused the Italian Government of deliberately delaying the presentation of a correct statement of the Italian assets in Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary.

"Up to the present the Italian Government has not yet paid reparations from current production," the note said. "Both the peace treaty and the Soviet-Italian agreement stipulated that reparations from current production must begin on September 15, 1949."

"In accordance with Article 74 of the peace treaty with Italy, which entered into force on September 15, 1947, and in accordance with the Soviet-Italian agreement of December 11, 1948, on payment of reparations to the Soviet Union, Italy has to pay to the Soviet Union reparations totalling US\$100,000,000."

### AUTUMN NOTE

"The Soviet Government, in its note of September 22, 1949, already drew the attention of the Italian Government to the necessity for the fulfilment of the obligations concerning deliveries on account of reparations to the Soviet Union from the current production of Italian industry."

"Over six months have elapsed since the date set by the peace treaty for the beginning of deliveries from current production. The Italian Government has nevertheless not yet started deliveries on account of reparations from current production, which has a negative effect on the entire development of the Soviet-Italian economic relations."

"The Italian Government explains the non-fulfilment of its obligations with regard to deliveries to the Soviet Union on reparations account from current production, in its memorandum of January 14, 1950, by the fact that the negotiations for determining the value of the Italian assets in Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania have not yet been completed."

### EXCESSIVE DELAY

The note recalled that Italy, in accordance with the peace treaty, and the Soviet-Italian agreement of December, 1948, is to pay reparations to the Soviet Union both through deliveries from current production and by the transfer of Italian assets in Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary.

The Soviet Government drew attention to the "excessive delay" in defining the value of the Italian assets in the three countries. This was "the result of the absolutely unfounded position of the Italian Government, which, in evaluating the Italian assets in Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania, put forward non-sensical demands verging on absurdity."

The Italian Government was further accused of arbitrarily

increasing the evaluation of assets "without presenting any such proofs as could, at least to some degree, confirm such an evaluation."

According to the Italian estimate, such assets amount to US\$32,905,000. The Soviet Government found it necessary that the volume of deliveries from current production of Italian industry be established without delay and deemed it necessary that representatives of both sides be instructed to take immediate measures to settle the question of the value of the Italian assets in Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary.—Reuter.

## Rome says: "It's not our fault"

Rome, Apr. 12.—The Italian Foreign Office tonight denied the Soviet allegations on reparations. Pointing out that under the peace treaty Italy owes Russia, as reparations, US\$100,000,000, the Italian reply said the reparations were to be paid with her assets in Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary and the difference, if any, between the full sum and the value of the assets was to be paid in current industrial production.

The Italian note disclaimed responsibility for the delay in fixing the value of Italian assets in the three countries named.—Reuter.

## HUNGARY TELLS U.S.: "CAN'T PAY"

Budapest, Apr. 12.—Hungary told the United States today that she would be unable to pay compensation in dollars for American property nationalised there, because of "the absence of commercial relations" between the two nations.

The Foreign Ministry refused in a note an American contention that the Nationalisation Act had favoured certain countries. The nationalisation decree specifically exempted property which had become foreign-owned under special agreement since the armistice.

(This referred to Soviet-owned companies which had formerly been German property or mixed Soviet-Hungarian concerns).

The United States Government was informed that Hungary would "make use of American property" chiefly oil interests as compensation for unreturned Hungarian property.—Reuter.

## South-East Asia Talks

(Continued from Page 1)

A Big Three meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Britain, France and the United States, were to go to Paris for talks with the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, on May 8 and then to proceed to London for talks with Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Mr. Acheson said that M. Schuman would join Mr. Bevin and himself in London for further discussions.

The United States delegation for the conferences had not yet been finally chosen, he said, but the principal officials who would accompany him were Dr. Philip C. Jessup, Ambassador-at-Large, Mr. John Sherman Cooper, former Republican Senator and the Assistant Secretary of State for Europe, Mr. George W. Perkins.

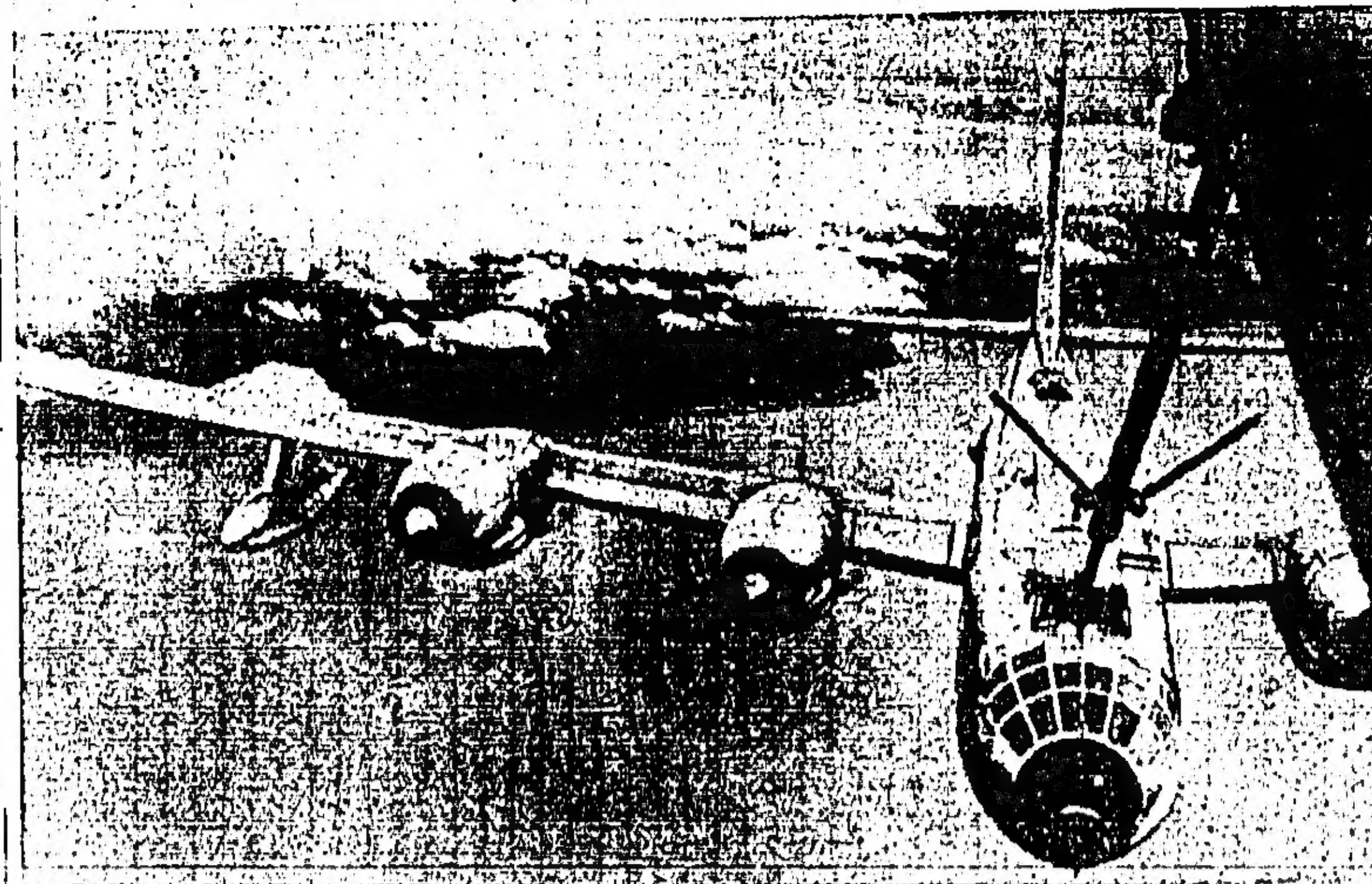
### NO COMMENT

Mr. Acheson said that Mr. Cooper would, by agreement, represent the Republican view instead of Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Republican foreign affairs expert.

Mr. Dulles was recently appointed consultant to Mr. Acheson.

Mr. Acheson said that the State Department was at present working with the other nations on the agenda for the North Atlantic and the Big Three meetings and therefore he could not comment on the questions which may be discussed at the meeting.—Reuter.

## Just Another Little Drink



The aerial refuelling system developed for the U.S. Air Force, known as The Flying Boom, makes it possible for the aircraft to refuel in flight with greater speed and at higher altitudes than was previously possible. Photo shows: The new Flying Boom aerial system during actual midair operations. The big B-50D Superfortress flies below and behind the tanker B-29 as the telescope, controllable boom pumps fuel in to the bomber's tanks.

## Unusual Illness

London, Apr. 12.—Fluid in the lungs, caused by an unsuspected heart disease killed the 35-year-old Egyptian wrestler Hassan Raouf during an operation here last week.

This was disclosed today at the inquest on Raouf when a verdict of death by misadventure was recorded. Dr. Harper anaesthetist for the operation told the Coroner that Raouf showed acute pulmonary oedema (fluid in the lungs) "a very unusual condition which we know little about. I have never seen one before. When it occurs it is always fatal."—Reuter.

## KOHLBERG ANOTHER McCARTHY?

New York, Apr. 12.—Alfred Kohlberg, importer of Chinese textiles, who furnished Senator Joseph McCarthy with data concerning Owen Lattimore, said today that he considered Mr. Lattimore "very important" in the American policy change of line toward China.

"I consider him very important, but I do not myself have evidence to support McCarthy's statements," he said. "If no one knows what evidence McCarthy has, why doesn't he sue me? He can't sue McCarthy."

Mr. Kohlberg, national chairman of the American Jewish League against Communism, publisher of the magazine "Plain Talk" and a backer of the Chinese Nationalists, said he had no knowledge whether Mr. Lattimore was a Communist and had never made such a charge.

THOUSANDS OF PAGES  
He said the Federal Bureau of Investigation intended to photograph "thousands of pages" of documents he had accumulated concerning the activities of persons connected with the Institute of Pacific Relations.

He added that he had been conducting a campaign against Communists, pro-Communists and Leftists who have gained control of operations of the IPR and have perverted it.—United Press.

## Seychelles Rescue

London, Apr. 12.—Forty-three passengers and crew rescued from a wrecked show have been landed at Victoria, capital of the Seychelles colony, in the Indian Ocean, the British Colonial Office reported today.

A telegram received tonight from Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Governor of the Seychelles, said that the show was wrecked on Providence Island, one of the Seychelles group.

The show was bound from Colombo to the Maldivian Islands with a cargo of rice, fuel oil and cloth.

The passengers and crew are living in the Government quarantine station at Victoria awaiting repatriation through Bombay.—Reuter.

### CAR MISHAP

At 8.15 a.m. today in Fort Street, a car No 3702, carrying a learner plate, knocked down a messenger boy on a bicycle. The lad, Chun Yue, was not seriously hurt, but his bicycle was damaged.



Smiling young passenger boarding a B.O.A.C. liner at London Airport is 14-year old King Feisal II of Iraq, pictured as he left for Baghdad where he will spend a month with his uncle, Prince Regent Abdullah. The boy King is on holiday from Harrow School, which has now broken up for Easter. He is due back at school on his 15th birthday—May 2.

## Four Pointers For Owen Dixon

Lake Success, Apr. 12.—The United Nations Security Council today appointed the Australian jurist, Sir Owen Dixon, as Mediator in the Kashmir dispute. Both India and Pakistan today expressed their willingness to accept Sir Owen as the United Nations representative.

The voting on the appointment was eight in favour and two abstentions, the latter being India and Yugoslavia. None voted against. The Soviet members were absent owing to the Chinese boycott.

The duties laid out for Sir Owen in a council resolution of March 14, include the functions:

- 1.—To help the preparation and supervision of a programme of demilitarization in the disputed zone.
- 2.—Be at the disposal of the two Governments and of the Security Council in making any suggestions which they may think will contribute to a solution of the dispute.
- 3.—To take over the responsibilities and powers formerly held by the United Nations Kashmir Commission.
- 4.—To prepare for the time when Admiral Chester Nimitt can take over as Administrator of the Kashmir plebiscite.

### CEASE FIRE

In appointing Sir Owen, the Council also reaffirmed its earlier request to the two Governments to take all necessary precautions to ensure that the present cease-fire shall be faithfully observed.

They are also expected to take all possible measures to ensure the creation and maintenance of an atmosphere favourable to the promotion of further negotiations.

## Indian leader detained in Malaya "for good order"

Singapore, Apr. 12.—The Federal Government spokesman stated today that the Indian trade union leader in Malaya, Mr. Sambasivam, had been detained again because his activities prior to his being charged with carrying an unlicensed revolver were such that his detention might be desirable in the interest of peace and good order.

Mr. Sambasivam has the right to lodge an objection against detention. If this is exercised his objection would be considered by a Committee of Review.

Mr. Sambasivam was re-arrested within a few minutes of being freed in Johore on April 1.

The Privy Council, meeting in London on March 30, granted Mr. Sambasivam's appeal from the death sentence, passed in March, 1948, by the Supreme Court of Johore, Malaya.

The Malayan Federal authorities said before his release on April 1 that they were awaiting a full official report of the London appeal decision before taking action.—Reuter.

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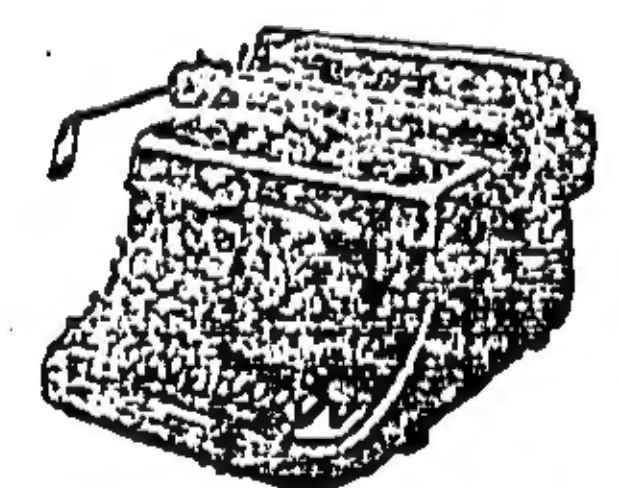
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## A Year Of Dramatic Finishes

## THE INTERNATIONAL RUGBY SEASON IN RETROSPECT

BY PETER LOVEGROVE

Perhaps the international rugby season, which came to a fitting close under a deluge of Welsh points at Cardiff on March 25, will be remembered through the years even more for its dramatic finishes than for the feats of the Red Jerseys. I cannot recall another Championship which packed so much dynamite in the dying moments of its encounters. Let me refresh your memory.

The tournament opened with France making one of their most exciting failures ever at Murrayfield. 45,000 spectators there had their hearts in their mouths as, with the Scots leading 8-0 (and many competent judges insist that the second home score came from a forward pass), the French pack hammered away at the home line with the utmost vigour. After many near misses, the visitors scored a try which Prat converted, and with only a few minutes to go the same player, with a mighty penalty, all but dropped a goal from 50 yards. Scotland just had time to rush play to the other end, and the whistle went for "no side."

Then to near-Arctic conditions at Colombes Stadium in Paris. It was France this time in the lead by a dropped goal to nil. They had withstood a fierce rally such as only the Irish temperament can produce. Then, with only a minute to go, Ireland were awarded a penalty only 20 yards away and at not too difficult an angle. Scrum-half J. H. Burges, playing in his first International match, took the kick amid a veritable storm of boos, catcalls and whistles—and saved the day.

Now over to Twickenham with a hurricane blowing a fortnight later. Once again Ireland were three points down; once again they were awarded a penalty—only 50 yards away this time—with two minutes to "no-side."

There was a breathless silence among the crowd of 65,000 as their famous full-back, G. W. Norton, came up to take the kick.

Would history repeat itself? It didn't, but it did to the general tenor. Norton got a second bite of the cherry, for though his shot dropped short it was deflected by an English defender who promptly booted it straight back at him.

Norton let fly again, a drop this time, only to fall once more, and England had won their only success of the series.

Just how inexplicable was his failure can be judged by his next performance against Scotland, when he kicked five fine goals.

## DECIDING GAME

Then to Belfast for the game that decided the issue of the unofficial Championship. The Ravenhill ground was crowded to capacity to witness what may well rank as one of the grimmest forward battles of all time.

Excitement rose to fever heat in the second half as Olympic sprinter Ken Jones gave Wales the lead and Norton was equalized with a penalty. The tension of the last few minutes was unbelievable as the red jerseys made their last desperate assaults in Irish country.

A draw seemed assured—and, to be honest, would have been a fair result—when in the last minute, the Irish fly-half, J. W. Kyle, who had been superb in defence, made a tragic error.

He misfielded a difficult pass, and the ball went loose. Billy Cleaver scooped it up and passed it to Lewis Jones. Before the Irishmen could fully realise what was afoot, Jones was racing straight for the full-back with Malcolm Thomas on his outside.

As Norton closed on Jones, the ball shot out to Thomas, who took it at top speed and hurled himself over the line to give Wales the Triple Crown for the first time since 1911.

Only a few seconds later, and what seemed like most of the 8,000 red-jerseyed Welshmen present had invaded the field brandishing scarlet umbrellas and saucers and were carrying off skipper John Gwilliam as if they were the winners.

And, just for good measure, back to Murrayfield, drizzling rain, and a flag at half-mast in sympathy with Wales over the air disaster. The issue there was quite clear, the Calcutta Cup for the winners, and the wooden spoon for the losers. But their destination did not appear as clear-cut as the fortunes of the game swung round and round for 75 minutes.

## Korean Soccer Team Arrives

The main body of the Korean football team, including seven Olympic players, arrived here yesterday from Manila by Cathay Pacific Airlines.

The team, headed by Kim Yung-sik, the Captain, was greeted at the airport by Mr. J. Skinner, Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association, and several other officials.

The rest of the Korean football team of six players and five officials are due to arrive here by sea to-morrow.

The names of the players who arrived yesterday were Kim Kyoo-whan, Pak Doo-chong, Chung Kook-chin, Chung Nam-sik, Lee Si-dong, Ming Bungs-bal, Kim Yung-sik, all Olympic players, Kim Yun-ki, Chang Yung-whan, Jum Song-won, Lee Chong-kop and Choo Yung-kwan.

## WHY WALES WON

The competition once again served to emphasize that it is forward play which has been the decisive factor since the war. Ireland won the honours in 1948 because of a magnificent pack, an outstanding half-back, J. W. Kyle, a goal-kicking full-back in G. W. Norton and good defensive centres.

Taking a leaf out of their book, Wales, who had depended on outside play in the 30's, produced a really intelligent and fast pack, brilliantly led by Gwilliam, which bulldozed their way through the defences and completely tied up opposing halves and centres.

Outside they were generally only moderate, but their tactical kicking and tackling were superb.

It must not be forgotten, however, that Bleddyn Williams, the outstanding centre in the four countries, was unable to play in any of the four Internationals which contributed to the shaping of their strategy. It is significant that Wales' closest call came when they faced the team which played the same type of game as they did.

Though Ireland won one match only and finished third in the table, their pack was little if anything inferior to that of the previous year, but behind they suffered from a crop of injuries which caused continual re-shuffling, and they never settled down.

Scotland, too, built up a powerful scrum, but once the game was underway, as at Swansea and Belfast, their defence was not strong enough to withstand pressure.

France followed the general trend by altering their tactics: there was less brilliant running and cross-kicking, and more spotting by lighter and faster forwards.

Despite their heavy defeat at Cardiff they had no reason to feel despondent over the other results obtained: a narrow defeat in Scotland, a victory over England and a draw with Ireland in Paris.

**HIGH HOPES**  
England, who started the season with such high hopes of winning the Championship, proved the most disappointing of the quartette. They mixed Cave van Hyneveld badly among the outsiders and the pack never fully lived up to its possibilities. Of the 22 points they scored, winger T. V. Smith obtained 12 from tries in break-aways and speedily following-up, and Murray Holford's boot was responsible for seven.

Of the other major competitions, the Army, clearly the best all-round side, deservedly won the Inter-Service Championship by beating the Navy 16-6 and the RAF 11-2. Unbeaten in their earlier matches, the soldiers had their best season for many years.

Cheshire surprised us all by winning the County Championship for the first time in 75 years. With few first class clubs

## RUGGER RESULT

London, Apr. 12.—Cheshire lost 0-3 to a Combined Services side in a Rugby Union match today.—Reuter.

## Pakistan Tennis Team Play Local Stars Today

Hongkong players to meet the Pakistan Davis Cup team were selected at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the HKTA yesterday.

Weather permitting, the matches will be played to-day and tomorrow at HKCC. If not, tomorrow and Saturday at the same place.

For to-day's matches, Hongkong will be represented by N. Lo, K. H. Ip and the Tai and Leung, while Benzin Saw, Lieut-Col Spence, Ip and Edwin Tai will play to-morrow.

Charges of admission are \$5 and \$2.

The Pakistan team arrived here yesterday from Manila by Philippine Air Lines.

They are Ahman Khawaja, Captain of the team, Ahmed Hussain Kohkhar, manager, M. Alam and Anwar Durrani. They are expected to stay for three days.

**Final Acceptors For The City & Suburban H'cap**  
London, Apr. 12.—The five-year-old Tsakko, owned by Habib Rahmatulla, the High Commissioner for Pakistan, is among the 15 final acceptors announced today for the City and Suburban Handicap.

The acceptors (with weights) are: Tsakko (9 stone), Hyperbole and Moonlight (8.8), Iron Duke and Perseus III (8.7), Roc du Diable and Burnt Brown (8.5), Refund (8 stone), Wilton (7.10), Jacobite (7.7), Burnt Grass (7.10), Big Wit and Laverstock (7.3), The Job and Volga (7.1).—Reuter.

## ROLLER FIGURE SKATING

London, Apr. 12.—Germany gained her third title in the European Roller Figure Skating Championships at Wembley, London, tonight, when Miss Irma Fischlein of Frankfurt, the 23-year-old German Champion, won the women's title after the closest finish in the history of the event.

With 802.3 points, the defeated Miss Jean Fitcham of Britain, who scored 800.2 points, Miss P. Van Aken, of Belgium, was third.—Reuter.

## CEYLON XI FOR SECOND TEST

Karachi, Apr. 12.—The Ceylon team for the second and last four-day Test against Pakistan, beginning on the Karachi Gymkhana ground to-morrow, was announced tonight as follows:

Jayawickreme (captain), S. Wijayaratne, de Soya, Rodrigo, Makin, Salih, Jayasinghe, Delphindro, Kelana, and Gooneratne. The match man is Fernando.—Reuter.

## TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS



The Welsh Rugby XV, triple Crown winners:  
Back row (L-R)—Mr. I. Jones, G. D. Robbins, Don Hayward, Roy John, R. T. Evans, Ray Cale and W. B. Cleaver.  
Front row (L-R)—Lewis Jones, John Gwilliam (Captain), Jack Mathews, Ken Jones, Malcolm Thomas, Cliff Davies and Gerwyn Williams.  
On the ground are Rex Willis and D. M. Davies.

## THE SCOTS WILL NEED THEM AT HAMPDEN PARK:

## The Two Greatest Match Winners In Football SAYS ALAN HOBY

Here is one of the most acid sports ironies of the year. For the last decade or so the Scottish international selectors have deliberately scorned their "Anglos"—these Scottish football stars who regularly play for English clubs.

Up North they seem to have a peculiar prejudice against footballers like Johnny Harris (Chelsea) or Jim Scouler (Portsmouth)—to quote only two—who have migrated across the Border.

Yet it has never been more apparent, after their drubbing by the English League, that if they want to whip England at Hampden Park, Glasgow, on Saturday—and obviously they do—then every Scot will have to go on bended knees to the two greatest match-winners in modern football—and both of them are ANGLOS!

## ONE BIG SNAG

Their names? Billy Steel, small, spry inside genius who plays for Derby, and Billy Liddell of Liverpool, the most dreaded winger in the English League.

These are the danger-men who can snash the Sassanachs! These are the Scots we shall have to watch, for both make up with the ball faster than a cat-burglar with a milk coat.

But there is one outside snag in this anti-English conspiracy. Although Liddell has played 16 times for Scotland, whenever he wears a Scottish jersey he seems to strip off his club form.

Why? Liddell explained it to his Scottish colleague, Andy Cunningham, this way:

"When I play for Liverpool I always seem to be in the thick of the game. When I play for Scotland I feel tied to my wing for long spells. I lose the confidence to try something on my own."

"It's not that I'm scared in any way. But it seems to me easier to score for Liverpool because I always get more of the ball."

## ANDY'S ADVICE

But Cunningham still confidently predicts that this Liverpool clerk will be Scotland's match-winner.

Like Steel, Liddell is a giant in English football. Of all the Scots at Hampden he should have the greatest superiority complex.

With Scotland's star, Willie Waddell, under the strain of so many injury interruptions, every Scot will be looking to the left wing for the thrust to topple England.

As Cunningham puts it: "Be it by unorthodox, Liddell of Liverpool—and you'll do it."

England? I think the following team has a level chance of stopping even the Liddell-Steel menace, aided though it will be by the Hampden Road:

Wright, Franklin, Dickinson, Finney, Mannion, Mortensen, Bally and Mitten. Yes, Mitten, Manchester United left winger and football's forgotten man.

The selectors may prefer Arsenal's Laurie Sealt to Ramsey at right back and Mullen or Froggatt to Mitten, but this would be my team.

One other thing, I hear a lot of dangerous and despicable talk about this game degenerating into a blood-bath.

It is up to both teams to make this supreme football occasion what it should be—a classic encounter of Soccer elegance in which 134,000 people will watch 22 of our finest footballers pull out all their wizardry and brilliance.

## 84-INCH REACH

There is "Reese" "Goose" Tatum, the group's court jester, who has an 84-inch reach... one armed Boyd Dule, who is a "Sweetheart" Clifton, who can spin a dazzling pass with one mammoth hand and slash it

into the net without using his other hand at all.

Since 1920 the Globetrotters have the fantastic record of 3,104 victories against 235 defeats.

Last year a million spectators throughout the Americas saw them mark up 140 wins with five losses.

There are still some who think basketball is a silly pastime—a sort of glorified netball.

The answer to that one is that the Globetrotters are also bringing over a special American-all-star white team. Against these Aces they will show you just how they produce their special brand of black magic.

—(London Express Service)

## The Football League's 'Hush-Hush' Meeting

Had To End In Failure SAYS ARCHIE QUICK

Such is the autocracy and conservatism of Soccer's rulers that the special "hush-hush" meeting convened in London by the Football League was predestined to failure. Such is the commercial state of the game that clubs are chary of change and eye with suspicion any interlopers.

Thus, altogether there was some support for the extension of the two Third Divisions from 22 to 24 clubs each. It must be remembered that this was a secret meeting behind locked doors and it will be a very different thing, I opine, when it comes to the voting in the open at the annual meeting of the League in July.

I suggest that deserving clubs like Colchester, Gillingham, Merthyr, Yeovil, and Shrewsbury will still be singing "Baby, go out outside," despite the fact that some of them are drawing bigger gates than some Third Division clubs.

**"COME-INTO-THE-OPEN"**  
As for the suggested "come-into-the-open" talk about under-the-counter payments to players it just did not materialise. Manchester City Chairman Tom Smith opened the door, but only a few delegates spoke—and there was an attendance of 250 from the 88 clubs. No one intended to start up a hare. That old adage about people who live in glass houses must have been in their minds!

There was no support for Spurs' idea of three up and three down in each division at the end of each season, and the question of the dropping of the maximum wage was discreetly shelved but there were many on the side of Newcastle United, who consider all players should be paid equally.

These "club before country" attitudes are particularly unpatriotic in this special World Cup season, even if one can sympathise with the contention that it is the club that pays the wage and stands to lose even more than that.

**COLOURED MAGIC**  
The Harlem Globetrotters, greatest basketball team, come to Wembley next month. Average height of these sensational £70 a week coloured magicians is 6ft. 10ins.

In colour they range from ebony black through milk chocolate to pale beige, and the amazing thing they do with that basket ball—it's about the size of a football—have been

making millions of customers in America cross-eyed for the past 22 years.

Half conjurers, half clowns, they flash the ball around at incredible speed. Yet most of the time they are standing still!

There is Marques Haynes, who gives his colleagues a rest, dribbling on his knees, on his back, sitting down and through his legs, and who can spin a ball on his index finger for more than a minute.

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## ON THE RECORD YOU CAN'T RUN YOUR FASTEST AT CAROLINE HILL

Anyone running a lap of the track at Caroline Hill Stadium—Ho Hit-po has the conditions every hurdle was a combined hurdle and water jump.

When the rains come in the Philippines, they really come. Another day it may be all sun and nothing else.

Second consideration was that Coach Ceballos was a believer in the fact—a not uncommon belief among coaches—that the lean and hungry type is the best athlete. Three hours in the hot sun didn't leave him much more than bone and muscle.

Training for Ho Hit-po involved learning over again how to start, how to sprint, how to measure his steps between the hurdles and how to get rhythm into his stride.

At his first four weeks of training at La Salle, he was able to do the High Hurdles in 16.4 seconds. After that improvement came at a slower rate but the coaching was no less intense.

The reward was a National Collegiate Championship in his freshman year in college. He has another three college years in which to defend this.

Besides winning the High Hurdles, the Hongkong boy placed third in the Low Hurdles, ran first leg on the 400 Metres Relay and anchor leg on the 1,000 Metres Relay, in both of which races La Salle finished second to Mapua.

Mapua College won the Track Events Championship and Ateneo College the Field Events Championship. La Salle finished second in both. Ho Hit-po was the high-scorer for La Salle in track, while the College's high-scorer in the field events was a student named A. Franco who won the High Jump at 6 feet 4 inches and came near to 23 feet in the Long Jump. Both these marks, though they seem spectacular by Hongkong standards, are nowhere near the Philippines records.

How do Hongkong's standards in athletics compare with those of the Philippines? We have two sprinters at least and one quarter-mile who can race with the best there and hope to win.

Not in the 100 Metres, though. There are about four Filipino sprinters in the 100 Metres, under for the short sprint and the Philippines National Inter-Schools Champion won in 11.1 seconds, or better time by two-tenths of a second than Peter McRae, who accomplished recently in securing the local Inter-School record.

The National 200 Metres were won in 22.2 seconds and the NCAA 200 Metres in 23 seconds. The two high hurdlers who came in ahead of Ho Hit-po in the National Championship did 15.0 and 15.7 seconds in winning the two heats.

Ho Hit-po will be competing for South China Athletic Association while he is on vacation from La Salle College. "Don't expect the same times from me I managed in the Philippines," he said. "These are impossible on that track except perhaps in the High Hurdles."

What can good tracks and training do for a boy of 18 an year after he leaves school? Ho Hit-po has provided the answer. An year ago his best times over the 400 Metres Flat and Hurdles were 65.5 and 56 seconds. Now they are 52 and 50 seconds.

**"RECORDED"**  
BASKETBALL  
Shanghai Team's First Defeat

The Warriors basketball team of Shanghai met their first defeat in six exhibition matches here at Caroline Hill last evening, when they lost to the Hongkong and Kowloon Combined, 51-52. The visitors were without the services of Wu Ching-chang, their coach and star player.

The game was marred by rough play, four players of the local team and one of the visitors being benched.

Scorers: Hongkong & Kowloon Combined.—Ng Yuet-on 16, Chan Shing-kut 7, Lee Shui-hung 5, Lee Chuek-man 3, noni Hark-kee 2, Koo See-yin 2, Sooi Man-chim 6.

Warriors.—Wong Yung-fong 8, sprin Foo-hai 23, Li xing-lou of Shian Sung-ling 4, Shian Sung-yao 3, Chao Tse-chi 1, Nee Chien-kun 7.

Noni Hark-kee met them to-night. The programme of their visit is: To-day.—Kowloon Chinese Y. at Kowloon Chinese Y. To-morrow.—v Chung Sing, at Caroline Hill.

April 16.—v Kitechee, at Caroline Hill. April 17.—v Combined "B", at Kowloon Chinese Y.

April 18.—v South China AA, at Caroline Hill. April 21.—v Hongkong Chinese Y. at Caroline Hill.

All matches will start at 8 p.m. and admission charges are \$3 and \$2.40.

**ARELLANO LEAVE**  
After a 12-day stay in this Colony, the Arellano University basketball team employed for Manila yesterday by Cathay Pacific Airlines.

During their stay in this Colony, the Arellano Cagers had five matches with local teams.

The idea of training through the hottest part of the day was inspired by two considerations. The first was that the weather on any particular day in the Philippines when a track meet may be held is unpredictable.

Two years ago Ho Hit-po set the Inter-School 110 Metres High Hurdles record, since beaten by Peter McRae, at 16.1 seconds. Before he left Hongkong, he had lowered his best to 17.5 seconds and after one season in Manila he improved to under 16 seconds, good enough to win the Philippines NCAA Championship and place third in the Philippines National Open Championship.

His best is now in the vicinity of 15.3 seconds. When he won the Collegiate title in Manila the time-keeper who was to clock the first man in didn't press the button of the stopwatch properly, so there was no time recorded.

The second man to finish was caught in 10.3 seconds. As the picture of the finish of that race shows, he was some 10 yards or more behind Ho Hit-po.

However, Ho Hit-po told us that where the straightaways are concerned the Caroline Hill track is not slower than are Manila tracks.

Where the Caroline Hill track is slower is in its sharp bends and he estimates that each of these adds a half-second to runners' times. In the Philippines, he said, the tracks are so laid out that the turns are slight curves and there is no breaking of stride involved in negotiating them.

Thus, he estimates, the 23 seconds deal of Ng Yuen-fong last season and Peter McRae last month for 200 Metres at Caroline Hill would be worth 22.5 seconds on a Philippine track and place them both among the fastest sprinters there.

In Manila, Ho Hit-po believes, Ng Yuen-fong would be capable of running the 400 Metres in 51 seconds, which would also place him among the best at the distance in the Philippines.

Running the 400 Metres and the 400 Metres Low Hurdles in Manila, the former St. Joseph's boy returned best times of 52 seconds dead and 50 seconds dead, the latter performance being about a second off international class.

There was only one British athlete last year—Harry Whittle—who consistently bettered 50 seconds for the Low Hurdles, though there were two or three others who bettered that time once or twice through the whole season.

But the story of how Ho Hit-po, who is an engineering student at La Salle College in Manila, won an intercollegiate title, would score off quite a few of our aspiring athletes from hopes of reaching the ranks of the near-great, in this sport.

The routine for aspirants to the La Salle College track and field team (the Filipinos, like the Americans, call their athletes that) meant being up at 6.30 a.m. lectures and classes from 7.45 a.m. though the morning on the track for practice from 2 to 5 p.m. and bed at 9.30 p.m.

Coach H. D. Ceballos, who brought his team to second place in both track and field events—there is a separate Championship in each branch of athletics—the Philippines—did not mind one of his charges taking an occasional afternoon off, but when he said "occasional" he meant it.

These three hours of training in the afternoon were under a sun that could fry an egg. "When we came off the track at the end of the session," Ho Hit-po told us, "our backs were baked."



# FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Tournaments Teach You to Get Points

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

ONE of the reasons why tournaments are bound to improve your bridge game is that they teach you to get the maximum out of every hand. Bidding and making a claim in a suit may just give you an average on a board, while at no trump your chances may be better than average, because of the extra ten points.

Today's hand was sent to me some time ago by Paul Godin and J. J. Perrault, both of whom play an important part in tournament bridge in Montreal, Canada. They both have served as Presidents of the Montreal Bridge League.

As soon as the dummy went down Mr. Perrault, sitting South, realized that most of the North and South players would play the hand at six spades, which they would have no trouble in making, and he knew that very few would take the spade finesse. But Mr. Perrault was not a trump, he would be forced to

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## Students Snatch Chakmak's Coffin

Istanbul, Apr. 12.—Marshall Fevzi Chakmak, former Chief of the Turkish General Staff, was buried in Fyoub Cemetery here today after students snatched the coffin from a gun carriage and bore it away over the heads of a mourning crowd.

The students, members of the National Party which regarded the Marshall as the closest collaborator of Kemal Ataturk, founder of new Turkey, grabbed the coffin from its guard of honour of generals, admirals and Government leaders in protest against "the insufficient official notice" taken of their hero's death.

About 300,000 people lined the route of the funeral procession for the Marshall, who died on Monday, aged 78. Along the whole way from Beyazit Mosque, windows were closed and shops from's shuttered.

About 10,000 people gathered outside the Mosque, where the body had lain during midday prayer, and as it was placed on the gun carriage for the procession to the cemetery excited students surged through the crowd, shouting and shaking their fists, and seized the coffin.

Instantly it was borne away towards the cemetery, covered in green cloth inscribed with a verse from the Koran and the national flag, bobbing and rocking above the heads of the people.

**OFFICIALS STRANDED**

The official funeral party was left stranded, among them the Pakistani Ambassador, Mr. Mian Bashir, who had come from Ankara for the ceremony. A quarter of an hour later the Ambassador was still trying to cleave through the crowd and get to the cemetery in time for the burial.

Marshall Chakmak fought against the Allies at the Dardanelles, in the Caucasus and Syria in the first World War. In the campaigns leading to the formation of the Republic, the defeat of the Greek armies in Asia Minor was credited to him.

He retired as Chief of the General Staff in 1944 after 20 years' control of all three services—the Army, the Navy and the Air Force.—Reuter.

## SERETSE'S APPEAL

Lobatsi, Apr. 12.—Seretse Khama, exiled chief-designate of the Bamangwato tribe of Bechuanaland, has made a second written application to the Government to be allowed to see his London-born wife, Ruth, at Serowe, in tribal territory.

It was accompanied with a certificate from his wife's doctor stating that in view of Mrs. Khama's state of health—she is expecting a baby in July—it was "imperative" that Seretse should see her at once.

Seretse Khama was exiled because the British Government feared that his marriage to an English girl, which had split the tribe, might cause trouble. He has been forbidden to return to tribal territory, except to gather evidence for an inheritance lawsuit and to see his wife when she is confined.—Reuter.

## MINDSZENTY IN RUSSIA?

Rome, Apr. 12.—The Italian news agency, Afp, said today that the Vatican now believes Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, the imprisoned Primate of Hungary, has been transferred to Russia. The Vatican said last week it could not confirm the many rumours of the Cardinal's death because it had been unable to get information from Hungary about him for some time.

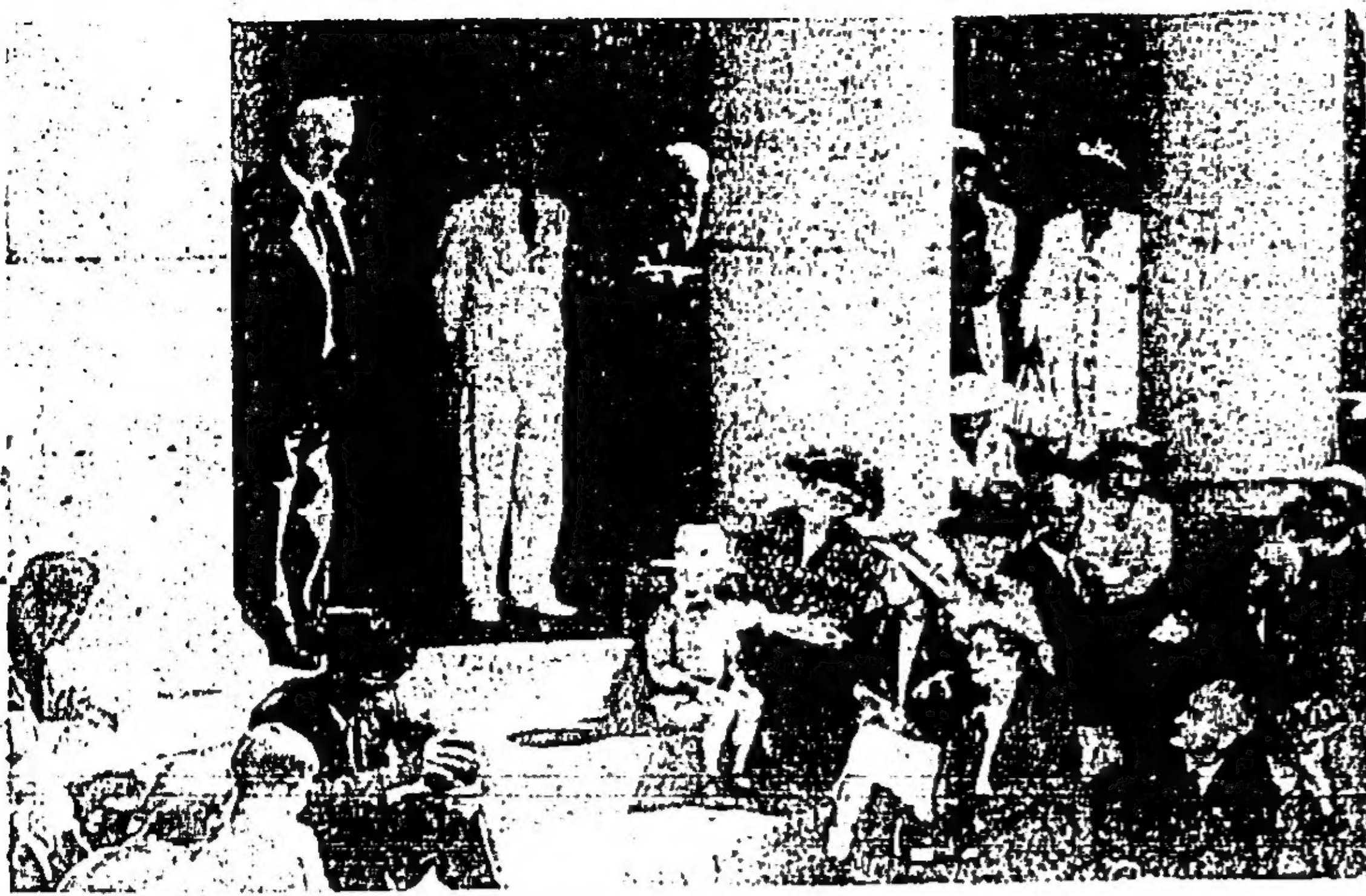
Cardinal Mindszenty was sentenced by a Hungarian State court on February 8, 1949, to life imprisonment on charges of treason, espionage, and black marketeering.—United Press.

**Fortune In Backyard**

Melbourne, Apr. 12.—The piece of land in Wedderburn, Victoria, from which a retired farmer, David Butterick, has dug up more than £19,000 in gold nuggets, cost him £150 when he bought it from a bank three years ago.

Butterick made his biggest backyard strike this week, unearthing two more nuggets worth more than £4,000.—Reuter.

## Rhodes Memorial Service



At the annual Rhodes Memorial Service at the Rhodes Memorial on the slopes of Devil's Peak, above Cape Town, General Smuts—standing beside the pillar on the left—spoke for the first time in 33 years of his history.—(London Express Service).

## French, Vietnamese Battle For Control Of American Loan

Saigon, Apr. 12.—Violent political and diplomatic repercussions are expected here when the United States makes its long promised multi-million dollar loan to Indo-China. Police and military officials are also preparing for physical violence and anti-American demonstrations, particularly if France is made the administrator of the funds.

## WASHINGTON INACTION CRITICISED

Princeton, New Jersey, Apr. 12.—The Governor of New York, Mr. Thomas Dewey, appealed tonight for the restoration of "sincere" two-party foreign policy and reversal of the "trend towards isolationism" as essentials to winning the cold war with Communist Russia.

In a foreign policy address at Princeton University, the former Republican Presidential nominee criticised both the Truman Administration and President of his own Party for applying politics into national affairs. He said the United States should promote actively a United States of Europe, and "constructive policy and creative" should be developed in the Far East.

Mr. Dewey accused the Government of "fantastic reversals" in its policy toward China and other Asiatic countries. He said the United States must "stop regarding the continuous Red advances in Asia with indifference. He said the United States should be developing in the Far East.

"In the Far East almost any action is better than no action," he declared.—United Press.

## Cross-Channel Glider

Brussels, Apr. 12.—A British gliding instructor, Mr. Lorne Welch, today flew a glider across the English Channel from Red Hill, Surrey, to Melsbroeck, Belgium, a distance of nearly 200 miles.

He said he was in the air for about six and a half hours.

Mr. Welch is the second man to cross the Channel by glider. The first was Mr. G. H. Stevenson, who flew from Dunstable to the beach at Calais in 1939.—Reuter.

Diplomatic sources here believe that the American money earmarked for Indo-Chinese military aid will be given to the French, while either the Bao Dai Government or a Vietnamese administrative board will be held responsible for civilian aid.

Both the Vietnam and French Governments have exerted pressure on Washington for control of the American loan.

Strong arguments and even threats have been made to American officials sent here to investigate the best means of strengthening the Bao Dai Government.

The French argue that they are the only ones capable of using the dollars efficiently for the welfare of the country. They say it is the "French army that is doing the fighting in Indo-China, and it is the French Government that is spending dollars daily here to fight Vietnam."

Several French officials have let it be known that if France is not given the full authority for the funds they would consider it a political insult.

**NEW CARS**

The more cynical French say that the loan, if given directly to the Bao Dai Government, would benefit only the American automobile industry. One claimed: "Within a month the country would be full of Vietnamese driving new Buicks and Chevrons."

The Vietnamese are just as chagrined at the prospects of France signing all the cheques. They say that if "we are not given control of our own finances it will prove to the world that we are only nothing more than a French puppet government."

**ANOTHER POINT**

"The French have deliberately delayed rehabilitating their industries in the north," complained one Vietnamese official. "as they plan on using American money while they invest their own francs in less risky ventures in France."

A high-ranking Vietnam Army officer brought forward another point. "We should be given the right to spend the loan ourselves," he said. "It will be a terrible blow to Vietnamese morale if we are regarded as so immature that we are incapable of handling the money."

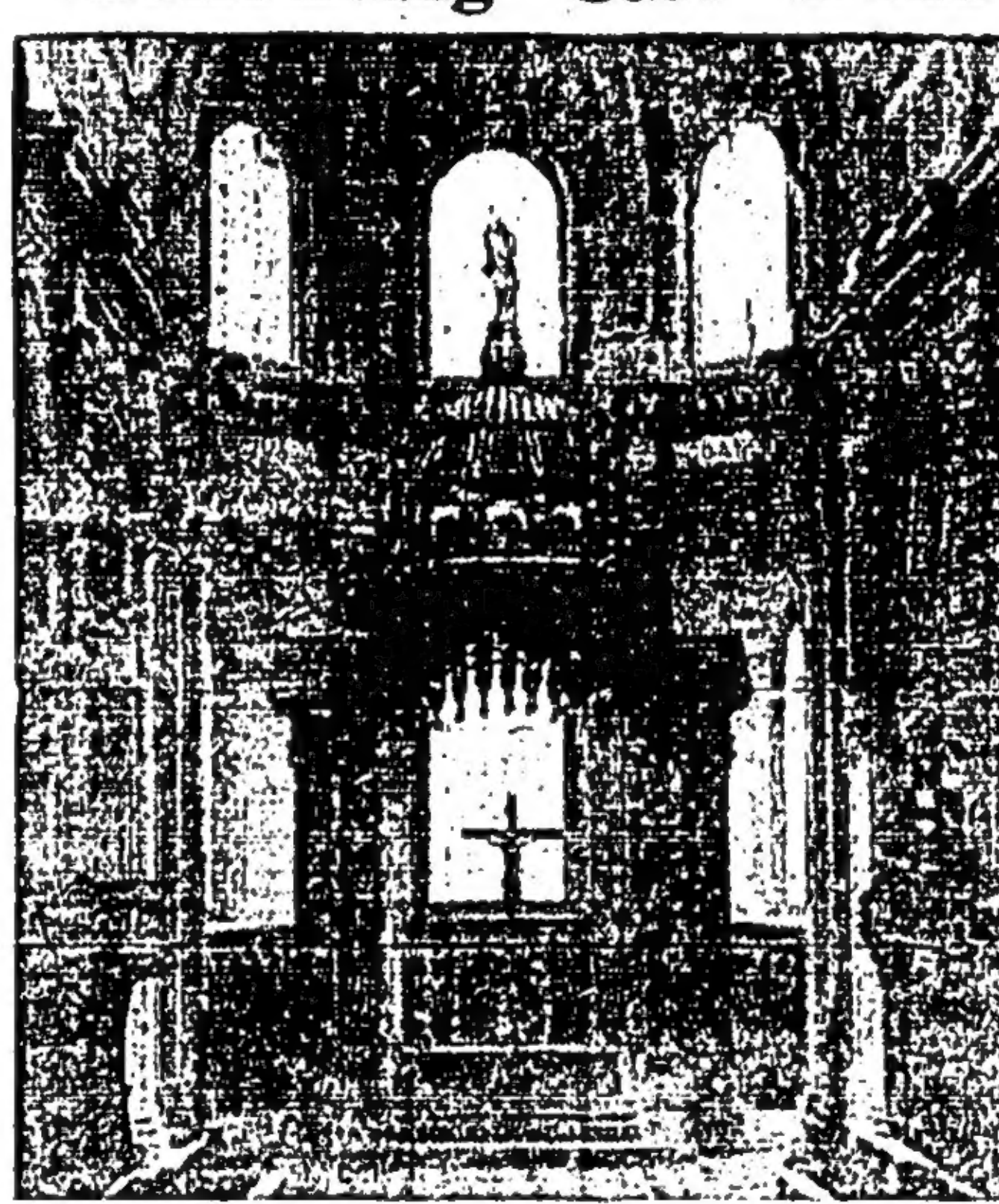
Yet in all honesty I am afraid that any new military equipment bought for the Vietnamese Army could very easily find its way into rebel hands.—United Press.

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## Honouring U.S. Dead



Model of the American Memorial Chapel honouring U.S. war dead in the British Isles, which will be incorporated in the reconstruction of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.—(AP Picture).

## War As Instrument Of Persuasion

Washington, Apr. 12.—Rear Admiral Charles R. Brown, former Chief of Staff of the Naval War College, advocated on Tuesday that the United States should seek a negotiated rather than a dictated peace in any future war.

Writing on "American National Strategy" in the current issue of the United States Naval Institute Proceedings, an unofficial Navy publication, Admiral Brown said that war should be recognised as a political instrument of persuasion, "won in a manner that will permit us to realise the kind of world we seek in the peace that follows."

He said: "The proposition that a war is not won until the enemy is completely, utterly, and hopelessly defeated does not obtain the support of history, nor of logic either. The real aim of war is not destruction, but how best to make the enemy change his mind with a minimum cost in blood and treasure to ourselves and with a minimum of destruction of the economic and cultural assets of the world in general."

**GENOCIDE**

Pointing out that the Allies were "gagged by our own slogans" of unconditional surrender against Germany in the last war, he said: "No demand for unconditional surrender should be made."

He warned against the unlimited use of atomic bombs and unpreparedness for the possible necessity to fight a war to the ultimate end. He said: "The employment of weapons

of mass destruction on other than militarily effective targets becomes a matter of gravest concern. The decision to engage in genocide would hardly be in consonance with our aims to achieve peace through negotiation. Only as a last resort, when all other measures have been adjudged a failure, should we commit ourselves to final and unlimited war."

He said it is a "fact that we have no quarrel with the people of any land. We have no quarrel with the Communist form of life, if that is what they wish. If war comes, we must convince the enemy people that they are not fighting what their leaders may tell them is a reactionary capitalist attack intended to take away their lands and enslave them—but that, instead, the war is for the liberation of all outside peoples from the oppression of the enemy's own government."—United Press.

## MORE POSITIVE UNITED NATIONS ACTION URGED

Lake Success, Apr. 12.—Mahomud Fawzi Bocy, President of the United Nations Security Council for April, said today that the time had come for the United Nations to "revitalise" its work and "do something more positive than what we have been doing so far for world peace and security."

Making a general statement on "international peace and security" in the Security Council before it discussed the Indian-Pakistan Kashmir dispute, Fawzi Bey said: "It is an open secret that the world is passing through a period of tension and anxiety. It is equally obvious that many are those who feel that the United Nations and, more particularly, the Security Council, have not so far adequately fulfilled in this respect their mandate under the Charter."

Fawzi Bey said that there had been "very serious deficiencies, shortcomings, and gaps" in the Security Council's work since its inception.

He said that Articles 43 and 44 of the Charter of the United Nations—which had been put in to avoid the fate that overtook the League of Nations—remained unimplemented.

The Security Council's duties relating to regulation of armaments had not been satisfactorily discharged. This failure had led to more destructive and more deadly armaments, "hurting still further the nerves, health and economy of an already over-burdened world," he added.

Although the Security Council had met 470 times in four years, Fawzi Bey said, "as compared to only about 60 meetings in over 20 years of the Council of the League of Nations, the structure of world peace and security remains as shaky today as only an ill-wisher would want it to be."

The President referred to the Security Council's power to hold "periodic meetings, at which each of its members may be represented by a member of the Government or by some other specially designated representative."

"There have been, it is true, some great efforts made by the Security Council and by other organs of the United Nations. Such efforts have, however, been too often stymied by various factors, and especially by the lack of agreement between the permanent members of the Security Council, whose agreement is essential to the success of our organisation," Fawzi Bey continued.

**NOT MONOPOLY**

Matters of peace and security were not a monopoly of these permanent members, but indeed were "matters belonging to all of us, the people of the United Nations, and the people of the whole world," he added.

He further said: "We should consult more and compare more frequently notes and ideas. We are expected to work unceasingly and relentlessly for the cause of peace and security Reuter."

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SET out the four statements so that they can easily be compared. We have first to discover which of the four is untrue.

(1) Brown is Secretary.  
(2) Rose is Secretary.  
(3) Brown is not Treasurer.  
(4) White is not Treasurer.

Now clearly (1) and (2) cannot both be true, as the untrue statement is one of them. If (1) is untrue, Rose is Secretary. If so, we have no Treasurer.

On (2) is untrue, Brown is Secretary. Rose is Treasurer, and therefore White is President.

**CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

Answers  
1. Homoeopathy. 2. Dextrose means rising from right to left, as a spiral line, dextrose is grape-sugar. 3. Gibraltar. 4. Rome, Italy. 5. Russia. 6. Hero.

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